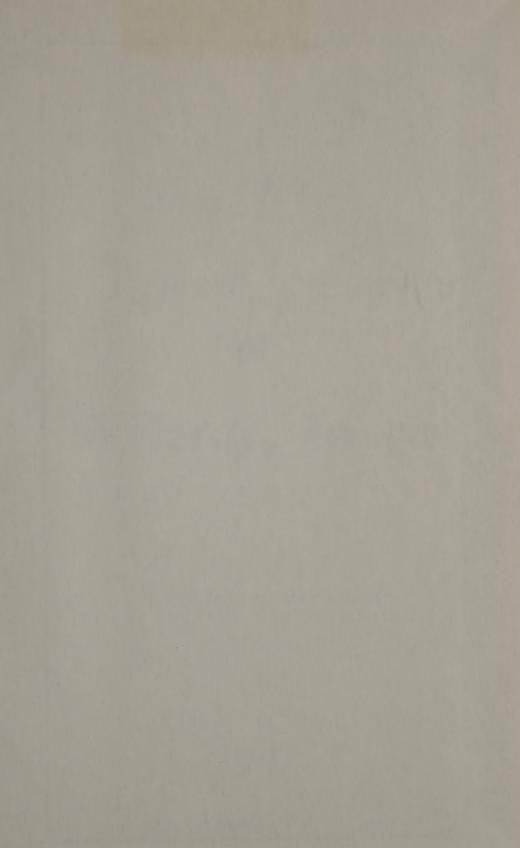


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fragmentary scraps of the early history of our town and putting them in print, is to improve the opportunity, while a few of the early actors of the scenes still linger, from whom we may obtain reliable statements and data, to put them in proper shape to be preserved for the distant future, when not one shall be left to tell of the early birth of our town, destined to be so intimately and pleasantly associated with the births and lives of many of to-day, and of the vastly many more who will follow in their footsteps down the course of time. If perchance a copy of our humble little pamphlet history should survive the waste of a hundred

years, and be resurrected from some dusty file, or neglected drawer, to be read on our Nation's second Centennial, we shall be amply repaid for the labor bestowed upon the brief compilation we herewith present to the readers and patrons of the REVIEW.

There is nothing at present in the history of our pleasant little town that is strikingly romantic, as its origin is decidedly modern. Its earlist inhabitants never heard an Indian war-whoop, or barred their doors or cattle yards for protection against wild beasts. On the contrary the shriek of the locomotive, and the booming of the prairie hen greeted the early laborer in his renewed task of converting the luxuriant prairie into beautiful farms and city lots. Muscatine, twelve miles away, was then a city. Moscow, now a desolate village, on the sandy banks of Cedar river, three miles away, had been making history for a quarter of a century, was then in its prime and glory. The Sac and Fox Indians had relinguished their right to chase deer over these grounds in 1832, and had moved their lodges further towards the setting sun. The car of empire, which earlier, had lumbered slowly across the Middle States, was at this time being propelled by steam at a marvelous speed across the beautiful prairies, towards the then comparatively unknown fastness of

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the Rocky Mountains; and Wilton was one of its latest stations, springing up in its trail. The name of Wilton is modern, and instead of a native or local origin, is the namesake of a thriving town in Maine.

The history of our lovely State, Iowa, scarcely leads us back into the past a half century, yet such wonderful progress has been made in this brief period that a wilderness of prairie has been changed to broad fields of waving corn and golden grain, and is to-day the home of over a million of happy and

prosperous people.

The organization and settlement of our State being so recent, the history of many of its cities and towns date their existence from a much later day, for as a rule cities and towns follow after the sturdy pioneer; and it is now often recounted by the old settlers how they had to journey fifty or seventy-five miles across an almost trackless prairie to do their marketing at some river town. Muscatine at this early day, was a great center of trade, and many old Cedar county farmers will tell you of teaming over the present site of Wilton, when the tall prairie grass waved in the breeze, and all for miles around was owned by "Uncle Sam."

But this state of things could not last long, for the fabulous wealth hidden in the dark, rich soil of Iowa was alluring thousands from the densely peopled states and cities of the East, and government lands in Iowa were disappearing like the dew

of the morning.



## WILTON &

### DESCRIPTION

ILTON is located at the junction of the C. R. I. & P. R. R., and the C. & S. W. R. R., two of the best roads in the West; is twenty-five miles west of Davenport, twelve miles north of Muscatine, and thirty miles east of Iowa City. The railroad company own considerable ground in what is called the "Y" which is covered with buildings and side-tracks; the former consisting of the Trainmaster's and Dispatchers' offices—blacksmith shop, round house, coal house, carpenter shop, and supply building. The side-tracks are numerous and extend from the corporation line on the east to that of the west, and are at nearly all hours of the day and night occupied by trains "making up." The corporation extends one mile east and west, and one mile north and south. The streets are regularly laid out, are eighty feet wide, and generally bordered with elm and maple trees, which in the summer season, gives the town the appearance of being built in a grove. Many of these trees have attained the good size of twelve and fourteen inches in diameter, and, besides enhancing the beauty of our streets, afford magnificent shade, and homes for a great many forest birds that in the early morn burden the air with their songs. On nearly all of the streets of our town may be found beautiful dwellings, and on Fifth street, five fine churches.

### FIRST SETTLERS

The first man to erect a cabin within the present limits of Wilton was Mr. Christian Marolf who came in July 1849, and erected of logs a small house opposite the German Lutheran church. The house still remains and Mr. Marolf survives, and domicils beneath its roof. Mr. M. entered the land on which he made his home, the east line of which is the screet past the church. At this time he could only see one other house, that being the cabin of Mr. Stearns just west of town on the south side of the Moscow road and now the property of the estate of

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J. L. Reed deceased. He tells us that for several years he made hay where now stands the business part of Wilton, and that herds of deer crossed over the same ground on their way from Mud creek to Sugar creek. Mr. Christian Marolf was soon followed by Mr. Ben Maurer and Peter Marolf in 1850-1, who also obtained land near by—Mr. Ben Maurer that which now comprises North Wilton; Mr. J. P. Marolf that which is now Marolf's addition. North Wilton is at present not within the corporate limits.

On the 19th day of May, 1849, two entries of government land were made by Henry Strohm and Benjamin Kauffman, which comprised the lands now within the corporate limits of Wilton, excepting Marolf's addition. Mr. Strohm entered the eighty acres now south of the railroad, and Mr. Kauffman the eighty acres north, or what is now Butterfield's addition to Wilton.

In the month of July, 1853, Mr. Franklin Butterfield purchased from Mr. B. C. Kauffman the North fractional half of the South West quarter South fractional one half of the North West quarter of Section Number Six, in Township Seventy-eight, Range 1 West, containing  $205\frac{1}{2}$  acres, at \$2.00 per acre.

The M. & M. R. R., now the C. R. I. & P. R. had been located through this place prior to this purchase. In August, 1854, Messrs. Green & Stone, Bankers at Muscatine and owners of a considerable stock in the M. & M. R. R., called upon Mr. Butterfield, and proposed to buy the whole or a part of Mr. Butterfield's interest in the land. The secret of this desire being the agitation of a branch road from this point to Muscatine, and they desired an interest in the Junction. Mr. Butterfield considered their proposition, and decided to sell one-fifth interest in the whole at ten dollars per acre, provided they bought forty acres of Mr. Marolf, which is now the railroad "Y", and that portion of the town west which they did at ten dollars per acre. Mr. Butterfield now induced Green & Stone to take a two-fifths interest in the land south of the R. R., and relinquish that north of the R. R., which they readily did, as it brought their interest nearer their purchase from Marolf. In September, 1854, Butterfield and Green & Stone platted out the original town on

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Green & Stone's forty acres and the land lying south of the R. R., which plat was recorded October 22nd. 1855, (the year following). Then arose the question of a name, and as it is a matter of no little moment to provide an appropriate name for a town to endure for ages—unless some unforeseen and dire calamity an earthquake, an opening of the earth, or tidal wave should mark oblivion on the spot—a name that would give dignity to its Mayors and magistrates a name that would command respect and admiration abroad; that would do to name our children and grandchildren after-the founders of our town found it no easy task to decide. One was in favor of an Indian name, but the stock was all appropriated. Another suggested Cedar Junction; but that was inappropriate, and suggestive of a small railroad station, while Mr. Butterfield warmly advocated the name Wilton, the name of his native town in Maine. It was finally decided that Mr. Butterfield should present six names and that Messrs. Green & Stone should select one of these as the future name. Of the six names, Wilton and Glendale were two, and after due consideration Glendale was chosen, and for nearly a year our town went by that name. But before the plat was recorded Messrs. Green & Stone re-considered their choice and Wilton was permanently chosen and so recorded.

In 1854, Mr. Butterfield sold the first lot to Mr. Henry S. Giessler, it being lot 3, Block 43, opposite

Dow's elevator, for forty dollars.

Working on the road was all that was done this year, and with the advent of the graders sprung up

a number of small shanties.

In July or August, 1855, Mr. Giessler built the first house, the lower front rooms of which were occupied by a stock of dry goods and groceries, owned and shipped from Seymore, Connecticut, by Tuthill & Hull, which firm name was the first to appear on a sign in front of the door. The firm of Rider & Sanford were their agents who first went to Muscatine with the stock, with the intention of operating a permanent store at that place; but soon after, as we have stated, shipped the goods to Wilton. Rider & Sanford afterwards bought out the interest of Tuthill & Hull, and carried the business on in their own name, adding to the business that of grain and pork buying.

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Mr. Giessler, about this time, received an appointment as postmaster and had his office in their storeroom.

About this time, also, a small house was erected by J. M. Smith, on a lot given him by Green & Stone, (now the property of James Keefover) in which Mr. J. C. Wate kept a small eating-house and a few groceries.

In November of this year, Mr. Butterfield sold one half of his three-fifths interest in the original town. And a half interest in what is now known as his addition (being the part north of the R. R., and west of Cedar Street) to Mr. Servetus Tufts, receiving thirty dollars per acre for that now in the addition. The Construction Train reached Wilton October 1st and December 1st, the passenger trains commenced

to run to Wilton.

At this time Messrs. Cook & Sargent, Bankers at Davenport, owned a large amount of stock in M. & M. R. R., and were interested in building up Durant, adversely to that of Wilton, and for a time a sharp warfare was waged. As soon as cars commenced running on the branch from Muscatine, the trains were run by Wilton and transferred at Durant, and the name "Wilton" was not allowed to be called on the cars—the brakeman would call out, "Muscatine Junction". A fine depot was erected at Durant, while the only accommodation afforded at Wilton was a small shed-roof building at the west end of the "Y". The ticket agent, Mr. Robinson, sold tickets on the cars. The same parties built plank roads over bad places between Durant and Tipton and run a line of four-horse stages between those places.

But Wilton was destined to triumph; and to-day few know of the aspiring efforts of the Duranters,

and their wealthy influential backers.

During the winter of 1855-6, a great many lots were sold, and in the spring of 1856 commenced the most active operations in building and improving ever witnessed in the history of Wilton. Early in the spring, Rider, Sanford & Butterfield commenced building a store, where now stands the frame buildings owned by F. Bacon; and when nearly completed the building caught fire and burned—being the first fire in Wilton. Owen Syas and Eli Ross were the contractors. A second building was immediately commenced, and finished—being the frames stand-

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Mr. Moses Garretson commenced what was called the first hotel, in a small building in the south-east part of town. This enterprising citizen also run the first bus and express wagon from the depot to his hotel, it being a buck-board wagon, drawn by oxen. These he would place by the side of the shanty depot and call out, "A free bus to the Garretson House!" "Have you any luggage?" In the spring the DeGear House was built by Mr. DeGear, on the corner of Fourth and Cedar Streets, and is now owned by the Burk estate. This was, really, the first hotel that could reasonably lay any claims to such a title.

Mr. Garretson commenced building a new hotel this year on the corner of Fifth and Cherry Streets, and completed it the following year. This hotel is now known as the Wilton House, and is kept by Mr. Hiram Mooney.

During this year a great many buildings were put up, and often a score of new frames could be seen going up at the same time. Many of the first buildings are yet remaining, being principally built in 1856, a few of which we will mention as follows: One now owned and occupied by B. F. Tufts, and that of Mr. Dave Moore's. The one owned by the widow of Daniel Burk, Mr. S. B. Windus' house, the Harker residence, and the one now owned and occupied by John Wiley. The hotel on the corner of Railroad and Cherry Streets, lately burned. The one, now occupied by Capt. Higginson, Rev. Jacob Pentzer's house, the brick house now occupied by Mr. J. G. Lyford, and the house now occupied by Mr. Strickland; Mr. Bretz's house; the house occupied by Mr. I. Windus; the brick building occupied by Mrs. Nicolaus; the house now occupied by M. F. Miller, John Brown, David Hesselgesser, and J. B. Harris.

Dr. Wm. Ross, who came the previous year, (1855) had commenced the erection of the brick building west of the McIntire House, now owned by Mrs. Nicolaus, completed it this year.

During the same year Messrs. Friend & Dudley erected the first grist mill, which was run several years, when it was removed by Mr. Crisman, to Fulton, now Stockton, at which place it was soon after burned.

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The Wilton Mill building was erected by Green, McNaghten & Co., to be used as a warehouse, for which purpose it was used until built into a steam flouring mill, by Wm. N. McNaghten, in the fall of 1870. This firm at that time was doing a leading business; besides carrying on a mercantile business in a frame building which they erected on the ground now occupied by the second brick building south of the bank building, they bought and shipped grain, hogs and cattle, and whatever else might be sold or exchanged.

In this same year, J. D. Walker built the two-story frame now occupied by the post office, and went into the mercantile business with Mr. Adam Blair,

as partner.

Mr. Robinson, at this time ticket agent, kept a stock of general merchandise on the corner opposite the Hesselgesser house. The building in which he kept his store was afterwards converted into a plan-

ing mill, which was destroyed by fire.

In this year, Mr. John Welsher built a one-story store-room on the corner of Fourth and Cedar Streets, doing most of the work himself; and when completed, placed within it the first stock of drugs brought into Wilton. This building was the one occupied by A. C. Blizzard's clothing store at the time of the great fire.

Mr. Henry J. Nicolaus came to Wilton this year, and worked the first bakery, in the frame building east of the mill. He afterwards carried on the saloon business in connection, and bought and shipped con-

siderable grain.

Mr. E. Passmore came in the fall, and started a saloon in the brick building one door west of the Mc-Intire House. He afterwards (in 1858) purchased the hotel on the corner of Cherry and North Railroad Streets, which was built by J. C. Wate, this year. Mr. Passmore remained in the hotel business about five years.

Mr. E. C. Briggs came in the winter of 1856-7, and started the first cabinet business in the place, and died November 4th, 1861, and was the first person

buried in the new cemetery.

Mr. James Ledgerwood became a citizen of Wilton this year, and engaged alternately, for several years in the lumber and grocery business.

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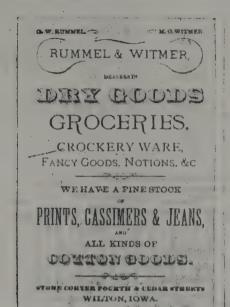
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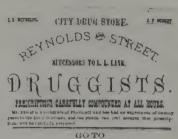
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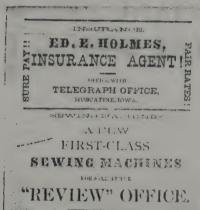
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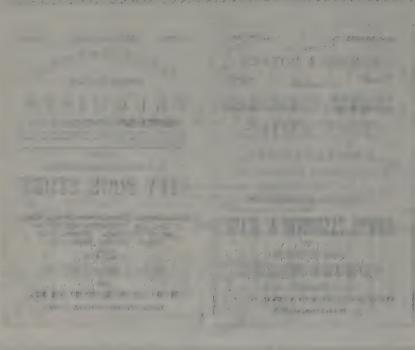
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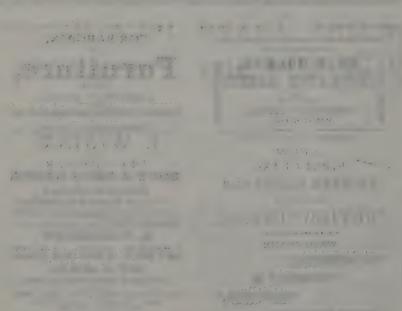
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U.P. Scovil quitted his home in Canada, and took up his abode in our, at this time, bustling little village and shoved the plane and saw for two dollars per day. He afterwards started a wagon shop, and worked at both trades until 1866, when he engaged in the stationery and restaurant business until that disastrous August day, when his building and stock were reduced to a few ashes.

Mr. Mattie Parks was another, hewer of wood, who arrived here from "Merry England", the same year and has continued in the business to the present time.

In the spring of this year, a stranger went into camp a short distance east of the Wilton Mills, and picketed three yoke of oxen and five head of horses, where he remained for two or three weeks, evidently "prospecting." His name was Wm. H. Heath, by profession, a physician. He remained and practiced in Wilton nearly four years and being a well informed and active man, he took a prominent and leading part in the affairs of the town and was a most worthy and respected citizen.

Mr. D. Harker was another who came this year, and who has since made Wilton his home to the present time, and has been engaged in hotel keeping, restaurant, grocery and auction business, and of late years has practiced law in Justice's Courts. In 1873

he succeeded Mr. C. Baker, as Postmaster.

In the spring, Mr. F. P. Hubbert came from Rochester, Cedar county, with Green, McNaghten & Co., for whom he clerked several years. He afterwards engaged in business with Mr. McNaghten, and at the time of the fire was doing business by himself.

In the month of May of this year, Mr. R. A. McIntire became a citizen of Wilton, and erected a dwelling on lot 9, in block 60, Butterfield's addition. M.'s experience with prairie winds, was, while raising the frame, to say the least, not the most pleasing, as the wind leveled his frame to the ground twice, and Mc. was obliged to put it up the third time.

It was during the summer and fall of this year, that the first school was kept in Wilton, by Miss Rebecca McClellan, and as it was before the time of school houses, her school was held in the south room

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on the second floor of the frame building now owned by Mr. F. Bacon, and occupied by Morrison & Bro. She had but a few scholars, but was a kind lady and a successful teacher.

The people of Wilton in 1856, although few in number, forgot not to be patriotic. The Fourth of July did not pass unnoticed. The people in town, and many from the surrounding country, marched from the corporation, behind a fiddle, to the banks of Mud Creek. A meeting had been held about a week previous by the citizens, committees appointed and everything satisfactorily arranged for the occasion. Mr. Henry Sanford was Marshal of the Day. They first met in the morning in the freight house. The committee on music had been to Muscatine and engaged a martial band for the occasion, but were disappointed upon the morning of the Fourth, when none but a fiddler appeared, and he anything but prepossessing in appearance. After the people had gathered at the freight house, the Marshal called the meeting to order and in reading the programme, when he reached "music by the band," the fiddler supposing it a call upon him, struck up Yankee Doocle, and it was some time before this itinerant musician could understand why he should stop.

The exercises at the freight house commenced with prayer by Rev. D. Knowles. Then followed the reading of the Declaration of Independence, by R. A. McIntire, and an oration by Mr. Van Horne, now

editor of the Muscatine "Tribune."

Mr. Van Horne's oration is spoken of by the old settlers in the highest terms. After these preliminary exercises at the freight house, the people formed a procession and marched to the banks of the creek, where a splendid dinner was provided.

Though the progress of this part of the entertainment was somewhat marred by a few unruly and evil disposed participants, who went ahead of the procession, and like the harpies of antiquity, preyed upon the banquet and plundered the table, enough was left, however, to appease hunger, and no one was troubled with thirst as three hogsheads of lemonade had been prepared for the occasion. The day, considering all things, passed away pleasantly, and finally dwindled into a dance at Roman's in the evening.

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curred as follows: John Lamb, May 30th, 1856, Lucy Chatfield, July 27th, and Wilton Reed, November 3rd.

The first death, which we have omitted mention, occurred August 27th, 1855. The person being the wife of Lawrence Rexroth.

During the winter of 1856—7, Mr. Robinson, station agent, was superceded by C. P. Oakley. During the same winter Gideon Pierce taught school in the first school house, it being a small frame opposite Mr. Bentley's residence which was built late in the fall.

Wilton had now become a quite respectable sized village, with glowing prospects for the future; but before the year 1857 had drawn to a close, the monetary panic of this year told severely upon the interests of the town. The heretofore thrifty merchant and industrious mechanic gradually found their wallets filled with Western "wild cat" paper money, either wholly worthless, or possessed of an uncertain value. Provisions commanded exorbitant prices: hay, and even straw, was scarcely to be had, and corn was worth from one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents per bushel. Town property shrank greatly in value, and many persons sold out or moved away. The hard times, however, were not felt until the latter part of the year, and the spring of 1857 opened up bright and many buildings were commenced and completed. We will mention the leading improvements, enterprises, and events as we have those of 1856.

One of the first events of the year, was the organization of a municipal government. Messrs. Thomas Hanna, Wm. H. Heath and J. J. Rider, were elected a committee to draft a charter. Article first provided "That this town shall be incorporated by the name of Wilton, and this charter shall take effect February 21st, 1857." Second, "That the officers of the town shall consist of five Trustees, a Treasurer, Clerk, and Marshal. Article third granted and defined the powers of the Board. The Trustees elected one of their number President, and another Secretary of the board, and thus officially commenced the incorporated town of Wilton. The charter became a law, and the first Board of Trustees were elected in March, and were as follows: President, O. J. Grover; Clerk, R. A. McIntire; Trustees, Wm. N. McLittle 2001 Control Mill To Gran

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Henry Sanford.

In the spring of this year, J. L. Reed came, and started in the harness business, in the frame building occupied by Frieden's saloon at the time of the fire.

G. M. Francis came about the same time and superceded Mr. Oakley as station agent. These two gentlemen engaged in grain and stock buying—Mr. Francis furnishing the capital and keeping books, and Mr. Reed doing the buying and shipping. They continued in business together about a year, when they settled up their business, and Mr. Francis withdrew. The parties each making between one and two hundred dollars out of the year's business. Mr. Reed continued alone.

The principal buildings built this year, were the McIntire House, by R. A. McIntire and Dr. J. B. Ware, and the two story frame school building.

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J. D. Walker being the first N. G.

July 12th Aaron Park arrived from England, and commenced to work at carpentering, which he followed until 1865, since which time he has carried on cabinet-making and undertaking.

In the fall of this year M. K. Pomeroy came, and purchased Mr. Welcher's stock of drugs. Mr. Pomeroy continued in the drug business until in April,

1864, when he sold out and left town.

In the winter of 1857-8, the public school was kept in the new two-story frame school house, and was taught by Dr. J. B. Ware, Principal, and Mary

Washburn, Assistant.

In the year 1858, the grading was done between Wilton and Tipton, on the Muscatine, Tipton & Anamosa R. R., the ruins of which can, at this day, be distinctly traced through the fields between these places. The grade was completed and bridges built, when all work was stopped, and the project failed. Owing to the hard times, the employes were paid for their work in dry goods and groceries, by certain persons interested in the construction, at Muscatine, which gave the road the name of "the calico road."

In the spring of this year, Mr. D. Burk located in Wilton, and purchased the property known as the De Gear House, where he opened a store and carried on business a number of years. He remained in

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Wilton until his demise in February, 1873, and was

a most honored and respected citizen.

In September of this year, S. B. Windus came to Wilton, and commenced in the boot and shoe business, which he continued until 1871, when he dissolved partnership with his brother, I. Windus, who had become associated with him, and become sole proprieter of a like business at West Liberty.

In the spring of 1859, T. Bentley came to Wilton and engaged in the tinning business for J. J. Rider, in a small, one-story, frame building, where Butterfield's brick now stand, joining Dr. Ross' brick store. At the end of a year he purchased the business of Mr. Rider, and has since carried on the business himself.

In June, 1860, Mr. I. Windus came to Wilton, and entered into partnership with his brother, S. B. Windus.

About the same time, S. Dodge came, who started in a general merchandise business, in the fall. His store was in the brick building on the corner of Cedar and Fourth Streets, lately occupied by the Farmer's & Citizens' Bank. Mr. Dodge continued in busi-

ness about two years.

During the years of 1858—9—60, there was but little done in way of improvements, and all business was at a stand-still, consequently, there was a dearth of events that would particularly interest the reader. During these years the price of produce went down to remarkably low figures, which with a wet and otherwise bad season for growing and harvesting crops contributed to the general discouraging condition of matters.

But, during the year 1861, though money matters and business remained about the same, the war of the rebellion having commenced, a few events in its connection transpired that will always be of interest

in the future citizens of Wilton.

The history of that gigantic and sanguinary struggle for National existence, and principles of Freedom, is too voluminous to be stored in the mind, and of even the leading events, many escape our memory. But when we narrow the field to the neighborhood or home events, the details appear as clearly as in the troubled days when they took place, and the call for volunteers, the enrolling, the drills, the marching away, the announcements of battles, the

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news of death, are fresh in the memory, and the long array of familiar faces of those who cheerfully responded to the call to defend our homes and country, vividly appear to the mind's eye whenever spoken of.

It will always be remembered, with patriotic pride, that Wilton responded nobly. Two full companies were organized in Wilton of nearly two hundred men. The first was Company D, of the Eleventh lowa Volunteer Infantry. The second was Company G. of the Thirty-Fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. The first Company (D) was organized in September, 1860, and was officered as follows: A. J. Shrope, Captain; B. F. Jackson, First Lieutenant; Andrew Walker. Second Lieutenant.

Of those who went from Wilton and vicinity, were Reuben Fobes, Matt Kean, Beecher Chatfield, James Leverich, Henry Seibert, Jno. Hughes, James Kelley, Samuel Edwards, Wm. Fultz, Augustus Port. Winston T. Shifflet, David B. Spillman, Jacob H. Long, Harvey Walker, Hiram Ayers, Newton Ayers, Augustus C. Blizzard, F.J. Bailey, Joseph H. Blakely, Hardy H. Blakely, John Beam, M. B. Bowles, Albert Bradford, Thomas J. Cory, James S. Clarke, Irwin Cooper, Alex C. Campbell, Peter Craven, C. O. Cooper, C. W. Derby, Perry Duncan, Benj. F. Herr, Mandrid Hart, Reuben Hartman, Sylvester Knouse, John J. Keevar, Wm. Leverich, Chas. Laport, Albert Lodge, Marion Leverich, John W. Lafever, Oscar F. Lodge, John Millsap, Roderick R. McRea, Mortimer W. Vann, Wm. K. Wall, F. M. Walker, Wm. White, John A. Nellis, Albert Wiker, Andrew Moore, Wm. H. Nellis, George F. Ours, Buckner Pomeroy, Peter Pentico, Oregon Prescott, J. C. Porter, Van V. Reeves, Manassa T. Reeves, Ira H. Shifflet, Alexander Thorn, William H. Walton, Chas. Walters, Theodore Farrier, J. P. Musselman, Austin B. Yeager, F. M. Edge, R. P. Gilbreath, Issac C. Gould, C. Herr, George Kiser, Abner Moor, Edward McDonald, George W. Miller, Jeremiah Miller, Reuben H. Mc-Clain, Henry Rice, and Perry Starrett.

They were a fine body of men and received their baptism of fire at the battles of Pittsburg Landing and Shiloh, the killed and wounded being nearly one-third of the force of the Company. Appended is a list of those killed, and who died afterwards of

wounds received in those battles.

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Henry Seibert, Thomas J. Cory, Peter Craven, Wm. Leverich and Wm. White were killed, and John A. Hughes, George Miller, Beecher Chatfield and R. R. McRea were severely wounded at the battle of Shiloh, April 6th, 1862. R. R. McRea afterwards died of his wounds. Van V. Reeves was wounded at Lovejoy's Station, Georgia, and Perry Starrett at Kenasau Mountain.

The Company "went veteran" at Vicksburg, in February, 1863, numbering thirty-six, under the following commissioned officers: Andrew J. Shrope, Captain, Augustus C. Blizzard, First Lieutenant, and

James M. Kean, Second Lieutenant.

In March, they came home under command of Lieutenant Kean, on furlough, and were joyfully received by friends and relatives. Speeches, dinners, and a good time generally was the order for the ensuing thirty days, at the end of which time they returned to the field where they joined Sherman's forces (then moving on Atlanta) at Ackworth, Georgia, and were under fire eighty-four days in succession.

They continued with Sherman through Georgia and the Carolinas, and took part in the grand review at Washington, at the close of the war. James Kelley was promoted to Captain October 27th, 1864.

Company G. was organized in August, 1862, and mustered into the U.S. service at Muscatine, Sep-

tember 18th, 1862.

The officers of this Company were Simon H. Dixon Captain; Lewis F. Creitz First Lieutenant; and

Abram Shane, Second Lieutenant.

Those that went in this Company from Wilton and vicinity, were I. W. Harris, R. P. Gilbeath, E. P. Hoover, Linus S. Cory, John Ours, Phillip Patterson, W. S. P. Keller, L. B. Jennings, Cyrenus Parish, Charles Burgan, Seth J. Arnett, George Burgan, John Bernett, J. H. Byers, Alfred Cooper, F. T. Duncan, Samuel Garber, Levi Gallanar, J. H. Harden, Levi. W. Hart, Jacob Kyger, C. H. Lampy, I. R. McCartney, John Mench, J. H. Perry, W. O. Phipps, M. L. Rodebush, Theodore Rayner, Owen Syas, E. H. Sterns, G. T. Sterrett, J. H. Turner, W. H. H. Wright, Geo. W. Wise, S. H. Wise, George Wildasin, David M. Baxley, Robert M. Ward.

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pedition, Nashville, and investment of Mobile, Alabama.

We are unable to give a full list of casualities of this Company, as we have only been able to ascertain the following: James Byers died of wounds received at Jackson; Willis O. Phipps, killed at Vicksburg, and David Curry, killed at Yellow Bayou, La.

In conclusion, we may say of these Companies, that they nobly performed their duty as defenders of the Union, and none have a brighter record than they. We have not mentioned the names of the many who lost their lives by disease, contracted in malarial swamps, or caused by the excessive heat of the "Sunny South," as it would occupy more space than can be given, and if we attempted to go into details, we would fall short of doing justice to those brave boys.

There were many who went from Wilton in other Regiments, but as we have no list, we are obliged to

omit their names.

In the interval between the times of enlistment of these two Companies, to-wit: In the year 1862, a draft was talked of, and a notice was given that every person between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years must report to the Medical Board at Muscatine to be examined as to their ability to do military duty, and it was during this examination that the remarkable discovery was made that all but two, who were able-bodied men had enlisted; or in other words, that there were only two able-bodied men in Wilton.

Many laughable incidents in connection with this

examination could be written, but we forbear.

In 1862 the Soldiers' Aid Society, of Wilton township was organized and worked earnestly and effectually in the good cause. The officers of this Society were, Wm. McNaghten, President, F. P. Hubbert, Secretary, A. J. Friend, J. L. Reed, and D. Mahanna, Relief Committee. This Committee raised, within a day or two, the sum of \$675 in cash, and through the years of 1862—3—4, in cash and donatons, over \$1,500.00. In 1862, J. M. Smith encouraged enlistments, by paying \$2.00 to every volunteer, and at one time paid out \$108.00.

The ladies of Wilton took an active part, and maintained during the War, an organization, forming a part of the County Sanitary Commission. Few can

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of soft Wilson cook an active port, and marinof the first of entry and only and a proper and y Santany Commission (Commission) call to mind the entire list of ladies who belonged. The following are the names of a few who perhaps, by taking a more active part, are remembered:

Mrs. S. Dodge, Mrs. M. K. Pomeroy, who were Presidents, Mrs. I. K. Terry, Mrs. James Ledgerwood, who were Treasurers, Mrs. D. Burk, who was Corresponding Secretary from the first, Mesdames McNaghten, Pratt, McIntire and Hobert. Many others took an active part, and at frequent intervals would meet at Mrs. Burk's or Mrs. McIntire's and make piccalilli, pick lint, make bandages, and other needed hospital necessaries, for which many a soldier thanked the unknown benefactors.

Mrs. Dodge learning that pillows were a scarce and much needed article in the hospitals, donated a fine feather bed, and the ladies met at Mrs. McIntire's and made a great number of small pillows out of it. As a sample of how those noble men remembered their benefactors, when they knew whom to credit, we cite the following incident as related to us

by Mrs. Burk:

A Company of Soldiers from Cedar county were taken into private houses and given a good meal of victuals. Nine were taken in by Mr. D. Burk, and when through with their meal, wished to pay for it, but Mr. Burk refused, only requesting that they should report, when they returned home from the War. Years after, agreeable to promise, a gentleman called upon Mr. Burk, and reported that he was one of two who survived, of the number who were entertained by him, and he called to renew thanks for himself and his seven slain comrads.

Going back to 1860 again, we notice the following persons who came to Wilton & engaged in business:

E. E. Bacon commenced to clerk for Frank Bacon and continued until 1867, when he opened a hardware store. He sold out to Messrs. Hall & Kizer in the spring of 1875, and removed to Los Angelos, Cal., for his health.

Mr. A. F. Strickland, who engaged in the harness and agricultural implement business with Mr. John

Addis.

In 1861, C. Hucke started in the harness business and continued until 1868, since which time he has followed the butchering business.

In 1862, A. V. Jewell commenced in the grocery business, and sold out to Earhart & Hixon in '63.

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In 1863, the order of A. F. & A. M., Wilton Lodge No. 167, was organized, with James H. Leech W.M.

In the fall of '63, Messrs. Brigham & Romulous Reed started in the dry goods business, in the brick store, corner of Cedar and Fourth Streets, previously occupied by Mr. Dodge, and continued until 1866, when they closed out and moved away.

In this year Earhart & Hixon bought the grocery business of A. V. Jewell, and continued until 1866,

when they sold out to N. Michaels.

F. Miller engaged in grain buying this year, and in the years 1866—9, carried on a general merchandise business, in the G. A. R. building, and afterwards where the Grange store now is.

In 1864, Wilton township was cleared from draft

by paying the sum of \$1,800.

In this year Wm. Bacon commenced to clerk for F. Bacon, and in 1876, started in the clothing business with A. C. Cooper, in the brick building south of the bank.

Mr. L. Davis, also, came this year, and carpentered until 1869, since which time he has been engaged in the furniture business.

L. L. Lane arrived this year in April, and bought out the drug business of M. K. Pomeroy, which business he has continued most of the time up to the present.

Mr. S. Strohm started in the lumber business this year, and kept his yard where F. Bacon's two brick

store buildings now stand.

Among the commences of 1865, were G. M. Frenzel, who built his present place of residence and place of business, where he has since kept saloon.

Dr. Fuller, who remained until 1866.

Mr. G. Graaf, who started a tailoring business, afterwards adding merchant tailoring, which business is now being carried on by his sons, Henry and Herman.

C. Thomsen, who started in the boot and shoe business, and whose sign is now to be seen on Fourth

Street.

John Wise, who started in the tin and stove business, which business he followed until 1872, when he sold out and engaged in the employ of the C., R. I. & P. R. R.

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menced to act as agent for the United States Express Company, which occupations he follows at the

present time.

In this year, J.J. Rider, seeing the need of better facilities for handling grain, erected the first elevator building on the ground now occupied by Dow's elevator.

A. C. Blizzard started the first clothing store in this year, in company with Aaron Crisman, on the corner of Cedar & Fourth Streets, in the frame built by Mr. Welcher, for a drug store. Mr. Blizzard was one of the early comers. About the year 1856, he worked for Mr. Wildasin, on his farm a mile south of town, afterwards was employed by J. J. Rider, and still later by F. Bacon, as clerk until the War, when he enlisted in Company D, Eleventh Iowa. He served his time, was promoted to a Lieutenancy, and re-enlisted for another three years. Mr. Blizzard purchased the interest of Mr. Crisman, and continued the business until the fire of August 20th 1874, burned him out of business.

We omitted to mention the name of Joseph Ours, when speaking of 1861, and will now say that Mr. Ours started a livery stable in connection with the hotel, then called the Wilton House, but afterwards called the Ours House. He also took an interest in the hotel business with D. Harker, who was at that time proprietor. In July, 1867, Mr. Ours commenced running the Tipton Hack, and carrying the mails between these points, and continued four years. In 1873, he again took the hotel, then called the Reed House, and carried on the hotel business until December, 1875, at which time he sold out to Aaron Baggs, who was landlord until the hotel burned April 19th, 1876.

In 1866, considerable business was done in Wilton and a number of valuable improvements made.

Of the men who became identified with the business interests of Wilton this year, were A. W. Stryker, who, in company with L. H. Covell, started in the dry goods business, in the corner brick lately occupied by the Farmers' & Citizens' Bank. Mr. Stryker afterwards bought Mr. Covell's interest in the store and continued two or three years in his own name—his son, Charles Stryker doing the business.

Wm. Griswold, who with his wife, Mrs. Julia Griswold, carried on the millinery business until his

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Fred. Frieden, who opened a saloon, and continued

in the same place until the fire of '74.

In the summer of this year, the Collegiate Institute building was built. It was then called Wilton Seminary, and was built by a joint stock company.

In the fall, the Grand Army of the Republic Hall was built by the returned soldiers of the late War. It is the building now owned by the Wilton Free Masons, and known now as Masonic Hall.

At the same time J. L. Reed erected the second elevator, a short distance west of the one built by Mr. Rider, and on the same side of the railroad.

Numerous other buildings and improvements were made, work and money plenty, and Wilton

again basked in the sunshine of prosperity.

It was no uncommon thing to see Cedar Street filled with farm wagons for the distance of two blocks waiting to discharge their loads into the elevators, and often the jam of wagons would continue until late in the night.

The following year, 1867, was as good, and during this year J. L. Reed built his brick bank building and started a private banking business, which he

carried on very successfully until his death.

Dr. Wm. Ross, also, at the same time, built his fine three-story brick store, opposite Mr. Reed's, on Cedar Street.

In 1867, the following persons commenced in busi-

ness, and became residents of Wilton.

Dr. W. H. Baxter, who came from Moscow, where

he had practiced Medicine since 1852.

Dr. C. E. Witham, from Ohio, who opened an office in Ross' building, where he continues to hold forth.

G. W. Rummel, who commenced and carried on a tinning and stove business, until he sold out to Oscar Shaw, in 1872. In 1874 he took a half-interest with Mr. Shaw, and early in '76, sold his interest, and soon after engaged in the dry goods and grocery business, with M. G. Witmer, they buying H. W. Scott's business and good will.

C. B. Strong, who, on January 1st, purchased of T. Lewis, the stock of groceries formerly owned by Mr. Jewell. Mr. Strong still continues in the busi-

ness.

D. Ruff, who started in the boot and shoe business and still continues.

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George Stemm, who embarked in the harness busi-

ness, which occupation he still follows.

F. C. Conant, who, in November, started a photograph gallery, in the building occupied by Mr. Stryker's store.

J. H. Fox, who in the spring, started a lumber yard, and in the year 1870, went into the livery business, and also ran the hack to Tipton, and carried the mails until July 1st, 1875.

In August of this year, the first newspaper was started, under the name of "Wilton Chronicle,"

edited and published by Baker & Thompson.

In the spring of 1868, J. L. Reed sold his elevator to J. G. Lyford & Co. The firm was J.G. Lyford and D. T. Gilman. These gentlemen bought and shipped grain, and Mr. Reed, for a time, withdrew from the grain business.

The same season, M. C. Ott bought the meat market business of John Thede, and carrying on the business (excepting a short interval) until he sold out his business to the Farmers' Butchering Asso-

ciation, May 1st, 1875.

H. W. Scott also started in business this year. He bought F. Miller's stock of dry goods and groceries, which were then contained in the building now occupied by the Grange store. Mr. Scott continued until the spring of 1876, when he sold out to Rummel & Witmer, his store then being in Butterfield's brick building, corner of Cedar and Fourth Streets.

This year, Dr. Woodhouse opened, for a short time, an office in Wilton, but poor health soon

obliged him to retire.

The first event of the year 1869, was the burning of J. G. Lyford & Co.'s elevator, in January, which took fire about four o'clock in the morning and by day-break was a heap of smoking ruins together with several thousand bushels of grain. It was only by the most desperate efforts that Mr. Rider's elevator was saved.

In April of this year, J. E. Myers started a second hardware store in B. F. Tufts' building, south of Dr.

Ross' drug store.

W. A. Cooper became a resident of Wilton this year, and engaged in various occupations; was in the mercantile business with C. Witmer in 1871—2. He afterwards clerked for F. Bacon, and early in 1876, engaged in the clothing business with W. H. Bacon.

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L. T. Sheets, also, came this year, and in 1873, bought the livery business of J. H. Fox, and still carries on the business.

In 1870, J. J. Rider sold his elevator to C. H. & T. T. Dow, who have since carried on the business.

In the summer of this year, F. Bacon built the fine double brick store building, on the corner of Cedar and Fourth Streets, now occupied by his dry goods

store, and the hardware store of O. Shaw.

In 1872, A. N. VanCamp bought an interest in D. A. W. Perkins' law and insurance business, and not long afterwards bought Mr. Perkins' entire interest. We should have stated that Mr. Perkins moved to Wilton from Durant about the year 1868; was the first Mayor of Wilton, and held that office until he removed from town in the year of 1872.

In 1872, M. C. Ott built the brick meat market on

south side of Fourth street.

In this year, Dr. A. A. Cooling located in Wilton, and entered into partnership with Dr. Witham in the practice of medicine.

Dr. A. O. Mudge arrived the same year, and has

practiced dentistry to the present.

O. Shaw purchased an interest with Mr. Rummel

in the tin and stove business this year.

In the spring of 1873, Messrs. Warren and Thomas Witham built a flax mill in the south-west part of town, and encouraged farmers to cultivate flax. The enterprise, though meeting at first with fair success. was abandoned after the second season, on account of the removal of the import duty on jute, which immediately took the place of flax to a great extent and lowered the value of flax so much as to render its production unprofitable.

The events of 1874 will always be remembered with special interest by those who had their homes in Wilton. The first event was the discovery of the fossil remains of the Wilton Mastodon, which was discovered and dug up a short distance south of the corporation line, on the 20th day of June, A. D. 1874. What gives especial importance to this discovery is that the bones are the largest ever found. The length of the scapula (shoulder blade) is three feet and five inches long, and two feet and five inches wide in the widest place, and weighs fifty and one-half pounds. Some of the vertebrae measured eight and one-half inches in diameter. Only a part of the

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flame. Then it did begin to look as if Wilton must burn!

Attacked both in side and rear, the buildings north of Steiner's fronting on Cedar Street were taken in quick succession. First, Illingsworth's two small frames—one occupied by Pearno's barber shop and the other by a harness shop. Next, Graaf & Sons' two-story frame, occupied by Graaf Brothers, with a large stock of clothing, most of which was saved. Then there was a narrow street where one more desperate attempt was made to stay the flames. But there was no organization, but little water and comparatively no facilities, and the willing and brave men were soon forced to give over

the unequal contest.

"Save the east side!" was now the cry, "or the whole town will go!" The undertaking looked almost hopeless. Opposite the raging fire was a row of wooden buildings with fire-traps of awnings reaching out, and as it were inviting destruction. Men threw water upon them while the heat would permit them to stay in the street, and then opened doors to dash it out, or poured it down from over the roofs, which were now well occupied. This, together with a most fortunate change of the wind from south-west to south, under Providence won the battle. But all this time the hungry fire was marching on up the west side of the street, and much more rapidly than we are telling it. Fred. Frieden's two-story frame, occupied as a saloon below and a dwelling above, was quickly run over to catch the old frame building with a brick front, belonging to J. L. Reed, and occupied by G. T. Coffee for a general store. A two-story brick also belonging to Mr. Reed, and occupied below by the Grange store was next. Into the upper part of this Dr. Mudge had but a day or two moved both his dental office and residence. He lost nearly everything; part of the goods below were saved. The fine and handsomely finished brick occupied by Reed's Bank was the next victim. The cashier took the money and most valuable books and papers from the vault, and locked it up to care as it might for the remainder. U. P. Scovil's book store and restaurant followed into the fiery baptism, so rapidly that very little was saved; and the same was the case with Hubbert's, also a frame, Mr. F. C. Conant, who lived up stairs, had

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ikan matamikan kanzara negora yan de Kanan salah leta serapan dali kaca bones were recovered. A portion of them are now in the possession of Dr. Witham, but the greatest portion, and the finest specimens were purchased by

Prof. Woodman and taken away.

On the 7th day of June, 1874, the Farmers' & Citizens' Bank was organized and officers elected. The stock—\$50,000—was all taken in less than six weeks by the best business men in Wilton and vicinity, a majority of them being well-to-do farmers, which at once made the new institution reliable and

very popular.

Thursday, the 20th day of August, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, will be an epoch in the annals of Wilton. The town had just entered upon a fall business of unexampled prosperity. The products of thousands of surrounding fertile acres, attracted by the excellent prices and shipping facilities here, had begun to pour through this gateway to the East, and business of every kind quickened under the impulse of dollars thus thrown into circulation. Wednesday was a field day, and Thursday was fast following in its wake, when suddenly, at a few minutes before three o'clock, the ever dreaded cry of fire!—now rendered doubly dreadful by instant consciousness of the parched condition of everything and the absence of any adequate means of resistance rang through the streets!

The fire began in Reed & Dow's elevator, on Third, or railroad street. The cause is not certainly known. It is generally attributed to sparks from a locomotive, but there are those who affirm that the fire was first inside the building. The dense black smoke drifted up and across a little east of north, hanging like a pall over the now thoroughly alarmed village. Flames soon followed the smoke wrapped the tall building from foundation to roofridge, the wind, which quickened with the heat, flinging them over the narrow street in such a manner as to speedily disperse the brave men who were on the roofs of Steiner's buildings making unavailing efforts to save them. Other men were striving to save the valuable steam elevator a few rods west belonging to J. G. Lyford, but all to no purpose. It was but a few pregnant moments after the seizure of Steiner's buildings before the frame tenements occupied by Rexroth, Lantry and Opitz, and then the elevator opposite them, were a seething mass of

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rodi tam, stoje tam veten to jih Se santojetim e notez medit an ill wife to remove and lost a good part of his furniture. Another frame belonging to D. T. Gilman, and occupied by C. J. Hutchinson with a large and valuable drug stock—but little of which was saved; then Blizzard's Clothing Store, and then another street and another chance for life.

And here the successful fight to which we have alluded on the east was supplemented by a like effort on the north, and with the aid of the streets and brick buildings on both opposite corners, the hungry fire was compelled to take a large dwelling in the rear of Blizzard's, belonging to John Wicke, and be content. But all this time flying brands had been threatening buildings in almost every part of town Men, women and children were watching-and saving—their homes. But the German Lutheran church some three blocks from the fire, and one of the best church buildings in the city, seems to have been unnoticed till too late; the parsonage, which was close by, going with it. This concludes the sorry enumeration, and does not represent the events of much more than a single hour after the first alarm was given. The Davenport Fire Department was telegraphed for help within fifteen minutes after the fire was discovered, but although they made all haste to respond by a special train that made twenty-five miles in twenty-four minutes, the fire had substantially run its course when the Fire King steamer and Rescue hand engine arrived. They went manfully at work and exhausted the supply of water in playing upon the vault of Reed's Bank and the piles of burning grain for an hour or more. They did all they could and did it willingly and promptly, impressing all both with their gentlemanliness and efficiency. Their prompt effort in our behalf, as well as that of Superintendent Kimball, and railway company, was we think, fully appreciated by the citizens of the town.

The losses and insurance we have been at considerable pains to collate as correctly as is consistent with the excitement attendant upon such an event, and think the following statement is full and substantially reliable:

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Lantry's goods	300	
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Pearno's barber shop & harness shop	200	
Graaf & Sons' building	1,500	1,000
Graaf Bros. goods in same	1,100	1,000
Fred. Frieden's building, goods &c.	900	
J. L. Reed's buildings	7,500	
Coffee's store	2,500	NAME AND ADD OWN
Grange store	400	
Dr. Mudge's fixtures and furniture	1,000	
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D. T. Gilman's building	1,200	500
Dry goods and Conant's furniture	4,000	0.500
Hutshinson's drug stock	3,500	2,500
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No small damage was sustained from the heat by buildings opposite the fire, some of the occupants of which showed grit enough to lock up their goods and direct their endeavors to the checking of the fire. Much damage also resulted to stocks of goods which were summarily moved from buildings that did not burn. The day was unusually warm, which, added to the heat of the fire, made the air in the streets of our burning town almost unendurable. Fortunately a great many teams came in from the country, and were the means of saving nearly all of the stocks from the burning buildings.

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The night that followed the day was a sad one to many who had lost all, and a busy one to many more

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who were gathering their household goods from all corners of the town, for a great many dwellings had been deserted, as it seemed at one time as though the whole town would burn.

The next morning presented a sad sight—smoking ruins covering what had been the day before the busiest and most valuable part of Wilton. But encouragement was soon given by Mr. J. L. Reed, who, while the standing walls of his bank were still hot. set teams to work hauling material for new buildings and was the first to commence rebuilding, followed almost simultaneously by the rest, and in less than three months the district so cleanly burned over was rebuilt with better and larger buildings than those destroyed.

During the year 1874, the people of Kansas and Nebraska suffered severly from the devastation caused by the grasshopper plague, and called for help from the more fortunate sister states. Iowa responded nobly to the call, and no town in Iowa did more to aid the sufferers, than Wilton. Large donantions of clothing, provisions, and seed, were forwarded, amounting in all to over a thousand dollars. In one day, November 26th, the day of National thanksgiving, there was raised at a festival and supper, given by the Ladies' 'Aid Society, \$157.00; at the Congregational church \$15.00; and at the Lutheran church \$34.00, making in all a cash collection of \$206.30, raised in one day. The people of Wilton have always responded liberally in aid of the unfortunate.

The year 1875 presents few items of importance other than those of every day occurrence. The most important was the building of the new brick Public School Building. A vote was taken at the general school election, March 8th, on the question of issuing \$10,000 in school bonds for the building of a new school building. The result of the vote was for bonds and tax, 131; aganst bonds and tax 126; majority for bonds and tax, 5. Work was commenced on July 17th, 1875, and on December 30th following. the building was completed and formally opened by a dedicatory address by Judge Brannan, of Mus-

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July 26th, J. G. Sharp purchased the City Mills of

the estate of Wm. McNaghten.

During this year our town calaboose was built, and two fine brick store buildings on the west side of Cedar Street, the first on the corner of Fourth and Cedar streets where A. C. Blizzard's clothing store stood before the fire, and the other on the west side of Cedar Street between Frieden's and Graaf.

In the afternoon of the 4th day of November, a calamity befell our town, through an accident that happened to Mr. J. L. Reed, which terminated in his death at an early hour the next morning. Mr. Reed was driving in his buggy, and when near the residence of Owen Sayas, his horse became frightened and unmanageable, by which Mrt Reed was thrown violently to the ground, causing injuries which terminated, as stated, in his death. Mr. Reed had, for a number of years, been one of the leading and most enterprising business men of Wilton, and to him, more than any other one person, is the town indebted to for its speedy recovery from the fire of the previous year. Mr. Reed came to Wilton in the spring of 1857, and engaged in business with a limited amount of means, and in the comparatively short time of eighteen years had amassed a considerable fortune.

In April of this year, Dr. C. M. Hobby established his home with us and opened an office over the bank. Mr. Hobby had, some two years previous, opened an office in Wilton, but after a practice of a year, removed to Michigan.

In the fall of this year, P. S. Hollingsworth purchased the book store and restaurant business of U.

P. Scovil.

January First, of the Centennial year, was ushered in by ringing of bells and blowing of steam whistles. It is doubtful that another town in the State of the same size, could, or did, out-do Wilton in those outward manifestations of patriotism. Wilton, as a town, had seen but little more than one-fifth of the one hundred years, (the age of our Republic,) yet our town at this time is a city compared to those of the times we celebrate this Centennial year. With a population of thirteen hundred and forty-four (exclusive of North Wilton, which is out of the corporate limits) and with

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In February, Messrs. Hall & Kizer sold their hardware and agricultural business to W. F. Hayford of

Durant.

In March, the two papers published in Wilton—the "Exponent" and "Herald"—were consolidated

and a new paper—the "Review"—started.

These close the principal events down to the Fourth of July, 1876, the time designed to close our history. We have found it impossible to include a mention of all and everything that has been said and done during nearly a quarter of a century in a pamphlet the size of this, and many subjects of interest have been unintentionally, and others unavoidably omitted.

Hoping that our readers will pardon us for any deficiencies they may discover, we will close by giving an account of the manner Wilton celebrated the Centennial Fourth—a day long to be remembered by our citizens. We copy the account as given in the

"Review" of the 6th.

#### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The tribute given by Wilton Tuesday to the general observance was one that far surpassed anything of the kind ever held in the city. Immense preparations were made by our citizens in the way of decorating the streets and business houses, and even private residences were gaily adorned with the national colors.

Although no particular outburst of enthusiasm greeted the day's dawning, the early presence upon our streets of our people indicated their intention to appropriately observe the day. The heavy rain of Monday night rendered the streets muddy and had a tendency to dampen the ardor of the most patriotic, and this attended by other resultant, but evidently unintentional opposition, would no doubt upon ordinary occasions have caused the most patriotic to abandon due observance, double the preparations having been made to the contrary.

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Fourth and Railroad streets presented a spectacle never before witnessed, even standing room being at a premium—a mass of human beings surging to and fro. Add to this the magnificent display of flags, festoons and archways of evergreens and flowers, the snap of the never-absent torpedo, the meeting of friends and the pleasant seemliness of every one, you have a scene that the isolated observer could not help but look upon with pride. Our farmer friends all celebrated this day and celebrated it by attending their own celebration. We have no data upon which to calculate the number present, but take the universal opinion expressed—the largest crowd ever in Wilton at one time.

At nine o'clock our excellent Independent Brass. Band appeared upon the streets and by playing national airs brought the people together and at the same time awakened them to the business of the hour. The rain had made the grounds very wet and the question was asked, where shall we celebrate? A meeting of the committee of arrangements was called and it was decided that it would be impracticable to have the exercises at the grounds, and the announcement was immediately made that at one o'clock the exercises of the day would be commenced at the School House Hall. This did not meet with universal approval, for it was manifest that all were desirous of participating, and a place that only gave accommodations for 600 or 700 was not a fit place for twenty times that number to attempt to observe this grand day, and at 11 o'clock the President of the Day, put the question, "shall we celebrate at the grounds?" and the emphatic positive response called forth the order. 'form a procession," and in a few minutes Marshal Stevenson, and his energetic assistant, Oscar Shaw, had a line formed on Fourth Street that for gorgeousness of appearance and size was a grand feature of the day. The procession began its line of march and in fifteen minutes the city had assumed its Sunday appearance, so far as the number of people were concerned.

A pleasant ride, made shorter by the music givenby the Band, brought the people to the beautiful grounds: Here was found a most attractive placefitted up by nature with the assistance of the committee—the former doing her part by providing an

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excellent grove of trees covered with her favorite color, a welcome one and the latter completing the decoration with flags and banners. A large stand had been erected, a flag raised to the height of nearly a hundred feet, above the trees, and everything neccessary for comfort and enjoyment. As soon as the grounds were reached, the hour having arrived, each person spread the banquet that had been prepared, and the order of the hour was a basket dinner.

After dinner a little incident happened that, at the time caused no little anxiety as to the result. The Band had gathered upon the platform, and of course the usual number of small boys and boys not so small were in attendance. The weight proved too much for the platform and down it came with its precious load. But as no one was hurt, the little excitement it caused soon abated. A platform was hastily made upon a couple of wagons and the business of the afternoon commenced. The President called the audience together in a few well pointed remarks, extending a hearty welcome to all who had come to participate in the exercises of the day. Judging by the crowd there is much of the spirit of '76 yet in the country. The world is looking upon us with intense interest and we must make a record that will be a credit to a mighty nation.

The Band played "Red, White and Blue," after which Rev. A. G. Martyn offered up a fervent prayer to the Ruler of all nations that he protect and prosper us in the future as he has in the past.

J. Edwin McIntire then read the Declaration of Independence in a clear and intelligent manner. Persons who heard the Elder McIntire read this same document twenty years ago at our first celebration, say that reading Tuesday was far superior to that of '56. No reflections, of course, upon Mr. Mc.'s ability.

Next 'Hail Columbia' was nicely executed by the Band. The orator of the day, Prof. G. S. Bradley, was next introduced and delivered one of the most interesting and instructive orations ever listened to

by our citizens.

The history of Wilton was then delivered by Frank Bacon, Esq., and notwithstanding the fact of the short notice this gentleman had, he gave a very full account of our town's history from the first.

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Owing to the lateness of the hour but a few of the toasts were responded to. Mr. VanCamp, toast-master, introduced Capt. Felix W. Doran, who responded to the toast, "The Day we celebrate," in a pleasant manner. He gloried in the fact that we had a day of so much event to celebrate.

Ex-Mayor Harker gave the toast, "The President of the United States," and responded to it in a man-

ner that pleased all.

"The defenders of the Union—May their memories ever be cherished," as a toast, was well cared for by Mr. J.E. Stevenson, whose experience as a defender gave him the requisite knowledge how to speak feelingly of our brave soldiers.

Robert McGuire spoke of the "Army and Navy." This was a very enthusiastic and inspiring response, and every one listened with intense interest and manifested their feeling by frequent applause.

The Band played another good air and the audience dispersed, and the exercises of the day were over. Everybody came to town and our streets were again almost impassable, so great was the crowd. After the crowd had assembled in town the company of Fantastics appeared upon our streets under the leadership of Com. Tonig Baluskino. The animals forming this procession will ever be remembered as the most hideous and ugly looking creatures ever brought together to please a public.

Festivals were now in their height of business and the centers of attraction seemed to be these two

places.

The magnificent display of fireworks were gazed upon in wonder by a countless multitude of human beings, and the display was a success so far as perfectness of conducting is concerned, but the sameness of the display was remarked by all—not enough of a variety to keep up the interest long.

In the evening a gay company assembled at Ross' Hall and under the direction of Prof. Ostrander, enjoyed the pleasure of tripping gayly to the sound of

good music until a late hour.

Thus our Centennial Fourth was spent, and it gives no little pleasure to record it as being so much of a success. Not a single case of improper conduct was noted. No drunkenness, no ill feeling, nothing to mar the pleasure of any one. This fact is due to the determination of our officers to rigidly enforce

the law. Everybody saw and enjoyed what they will never see or enjoy again—the Centennial obser-

vation of American Independence.

After the conclusion of the history of the growth and prosperity of Wilton we will add a short history of the Press and each of the several church organizations which are of special importance in all communities, as they reflect the culture and morals of the people.

#### WILTON PRESS

Among the foremost of the important events, connected with the history of Wilton, was the publication of the first newspaper. The consummation of an enterprise of this kind had been forestalled by the needs and desires of the business interests for a meduim of communication with the country and towns adjacent; and moreover the fact that a town so thrifty and prosperous as ours, should enjoy means for heralding its advantages abroad, was duly

recognized.

Until the summer of 1867, no one had been induced to make the venture of starting a paper here. But in the month of August of that year, Mr. Chas. Baker, of Wheatland, then publishing the "Clinton County Advocate," and a newspaper man of some vears' experience, visited Wilton and consulted with our business men upon the subject, receiving much encouragement. He returned to Wheatland to settle his business at that place and return as soon as possible. In the second week in October, the first number of the "Wilton Chronicle," came out, Messr. Baker & Thompson, editors and proprietors—Mr. Baker having associated M. H. Thompson business with him. It was a seven-column paper, published entirely at home. In appearance it was very creditable and the matter it contained was prepared with care, having reference chiefly to the affairs of the town. This first number contained an interesting description of the business of the town -a history of the business men and their establishments.

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The "Chronicle" was neutral in politics, but was well edited and newsy, and was attended with as good a degree of prosperity as usually falls to the lot of embryo country journals.

In March, 1868, the name C. D. Eaton appeared as associate editor. At this time there were employed in the office, S. J. Mathes, Giles O. Pearce and Jesse Markee.

During the ensuing season, the paper was conducted with great vigor—the Presidential canvass between Grant & Colfax and Seymur & Blair. The billows of party politics ran high, and the publishers of the "Chronicle" desiring to soar above a neutral position, communicated their intention to make their paper "fearlessly and implacably Republican."

Accordingly about the first of June it took the position indicated and amid varied vicissitudes and changes, maintained it to the close of its career.

In the autumn of that year, after election, Mr. Thompson withdrew from the firm, and the firm of Baker & Eaton continued the publication of the "Chronicle" till the spring of 1859, in the meantime starting the West Liberty "Enterprise."

In May of this year, while the firm remained the same, the two members divided their labors, Mr. Baker remaining with the "Chronicle," while Mr. Eaton gave his time to the "Enterprise."

In September, 1869, the firm of Baker & Eaton was dissolved—Mr. Baker being left sole editor and

proprietor.

Early in the winter, Mr. Baker sold the office to Henry C. Ashbaugh, who conducted the "Chronicle" as editor and publisher for nearly a year.

In the meantime—June, 1860—Mr. Eaton returned and commenced the publication of a second paper,

which he called "The True Republican."

Mr. Eaton succeeded tolerably well in this enterprise, and in January, 1871, he purchased of Mr. Ashbaugh the subscription list and good will of the "Chronicle." The two papers were consolidated by Mr. Eaton as the "Republican and Chronicle" until May of that year, when he sold the entire establishment to C. E. Cheesbro, who reduced the size of the paper and re-christened it the Wilton "Chronicle."

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In the month of August, 1874, J. M. Rider & Co., established a second paper, called the Wilton "Exponent," the first number of which appeared Friday, August 21st, the next day after the great fire. Both papers continued publication until March 10th, 1876, when they were consolidated, and the names "Herald" and "Exponent," were merged into the "Review." edited and published by Rider & Stevenson, and is the paper now published in Wilton. The office is well appointed, is supplied with a good job department, and is in every way superior to any office heretofore in Wilton.

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## CHURCHES OF WILTON

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#### PRESBYTERIAN BY REV. A. G. MARTYN

HE Presbyterian element in Wilton was originally a part of the Sugar Creek church, in Cedar county, which was organized in 1856.

As early as 1855-6, Presbyterian services were held in Wilton by Rev. John Hudson—meeting for worship in what is now known as Lyceum Hall, the old school house on the hill, and elsewhere.

In 1859, Rev. Wm. C. Mason, of Illinois preached in Wilton Presbyterian church for six months.

On May 14th, 1860, the congregation at Wilton was set off from Sugar Creek, and by a committee of Cedar Presbytery, formally organized into a church. The following named persons were original members: J. H. Hobert, D. Burk, J. H. Robinson, B. Kelley, J. Cooper, P. Heinly, R. A. McIntire; Mesdames Hobert, Pomeroy, Burk, Harker, Robinson, Cooper, McIntire, Passmore, Parish, Kelley, Heinley, and Mason.

In the fall of 1866, the present brick edifice was built in Marolf's addition to Wilton, and was dedicated in February, 1867. The size of the building is

32x48 feet, and the cost \$2,800.

In the summer of 1874, the present frame parsonage building was built on a half-lot adjoining the church, and cost \$1,100. The present number of active members is seventy-five.

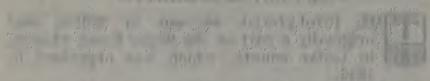
#### EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN BY REV. W. T. STROBEL

The church in Wilton was organized in December, 1856, by the late Rev. John Keisel, and shortly afterwards a small frame church building was built, in size, 24x24.

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Both the church and the parsonage buildings were destroyed by the conflagration of August 20th, 1874.

In 1875, both buildings were rebuilt—the church building of wood, instead of brick.

#### GRACE REFORMED BY REV. J. B. SHONTZ

This church was organized by Rev. J. Riale, Saturday, April 14th, 1860, in the old public school building, where the congregation worshipped at first, afterwards in the Congregational and Presbyterian churches.

The corner stone of the present church edifice was laid June 26th, 1870, and October 16th, 1870, the new church was dedicated. Its size is 34x52, and cost about \$3,000.

The congregation at present numbers seventyseven confirmed members and fifty-six baptized, unconfirmed members.

#### METHODIST BY FRANK BACON

This church originally formed a part of, and was embraced in what was called Muscatine Circuit. As early as 1836, Rev. Daniel Cartridge preached at Bloomington, now Muscatine, services being held in a log building used as a post office.

In 1856, the General Conference divided the Iowa Conference, and the towns of Wilton and Moscow were made a station.

Rev. H. Wharton, of Hebron Circuit, Cedar County, held the first services in Wilton, in the depot, or freight house; but on account of the division, Rev. D. Thompson was appointed to the work without any missionary appropriation, and upon complaint being made by the brethren, Wilton was merged into Muscatine Circuit, with Rev. John Harris, pastor.

In 1857, Rev. J. B. Hill conducted a successful revival in Wilton, and over fifty persons were received in the church. The meetings were held in the Garretson House (now the Mooney hotel.)

In 1859, meetings were held in what is now

known as Lyceum Hall.

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In 1867, under the labors of Rev. Morey, over one hundred members were added to the church.

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST BY REV. CHAS. PAYNE

In the spring of 1864, February 20th, this church was first organized, with Rev. I. Dotson, as pastor, by a committee chosen for that purposel The membership consisted at that time of eleven members.

Rev. Dotson was relieved November 30th, 1866, and Rev. O. E. Baker took his place, and continued until November 22d, 1874, when he was succeeded by

Rev. Chas. Payne.

From a membership of eleven, the church has increased until now the number is one hundred and

eighteen.

The Society have no church building, and have since organization, worshipped in the Chapel of the Wilton College building.

#### CONGREGATIONAL BY S. SOUTHWORTH

This church was first organized by Rev. James Berney, in Sugar Creek township, Cedar county, July 9th, 1854, at a meeting in a brick school house, near Mr. Evans' residence, and was to be called the First Congregational church of Sugar Creek.

October 29th, Rev. D. Knowles was called to

officiate as pastor.

August 3d, 1855, the location of the church was changed to Moscow, but immediately afterwards was again changed and located at Wilton, and at a meeting held at the residence of Rev. Knowles, June 20, 1856, new articles of incorporation were submitted and adopted, and the name changed to that of First Congregational church of Wilton.

July 13th, 1856, steps were taken to erect a church building and August 30th, 1857, the building was completed, and services for the first time held in it,

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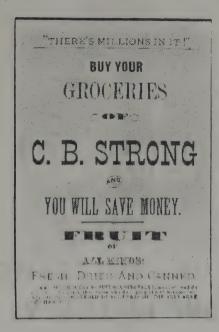
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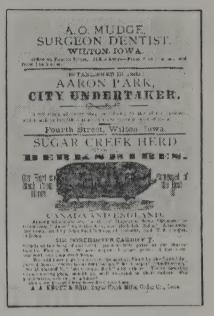
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#### CATHOLIC BY JOHN DORAN

Some time in the Autumn of 1857, the first Mass was celebrated in Wilton, by the Rev. Peter Mahn.

This event took place in the house now owned and occupied by John Brown, situated on the eastern terminus of Fourth street.

The second Mass was celebrated the following

spring, in the house now occupied by P. Kent.

During the summer of 1858, the first church was planned and erected by Rev. Mahn. It was a small frame building, and was located in the south part of town.

From this time until 1863, Rev'ds Mahn and Edmonds, of Iowa City, officiated, when Rev. Shanahan was located at Wilton, as the first pastor. He was succeeded by Rev'ds McGinnis, Laurent, and Quiglev.

During the pastorate of Rev. Quigley, the plans for the present brick church were matured and in the fall of 1867, the foundation was laid, when Rev. Quigley was superceded by Rev. Walsh, who came

in November, 1867.

Shortly afterwards Rev. Walsh was superceded by Rev. P. A. McCabe, and during his pastorate the church was completed sufficiently to hold services therein.

Rév. McCabe was succeeded by Patrick Welch, who officiated until August, 1874, when he died at Davenport, from cancer in the stomach. In January 1875, the present pastor, Rev. N. Dugan, was assigned to the pastorate made vacant by the death of Rev. Welch.

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## The History of Wilton

#### BEGINNING WITH THE YEAR 1877

By Henry Wildasin

R. D. G. Agnew built his home this year, this property is now owned by Richard Rochholz. Mr. Agnew also built the Drug Store building, now known as the Rexall Drug Store and operated by J. W. Duffe, Duffe purchasing the stock and fixtures belonging to Ralph Harris, Harris from Shannon, Shannon from Cope, and Cope from Agnew. Mr. Agnew died in 1916.

Mr. J. W. Duffe is also a member of the School Board and he is young and energetic. Some of the following were born before 1877; Wm. Wacker is a blacksmith by trade, operated a shop north of the J. H. Wacker Implement Co. until May of 1946 when he sold it to Willard Hillyer, a returned war veteran. Wm. Wacker made his home on East 5th Street.

P. J. Wacker was first employed in the Post Office under H. E. Nicolaus, Postmaster, at present he is a partner in the J. H. Wacker Implement house. His home was built in 1920. Pete is a good hearted citizen.

Elmer Weierhauser is also a son of Wilton. He is a barber by trade and his shop is at the corner of Cedar and Front Streets. His home is south of the school house.

M. J. McDermott came to Wilton in an early day, he is a Marble Cutter by trade, retired, and his home is in South Wilton. Matthew is a good natured Irishman.

M. F. McDermott was born in Wilton in the early time, he operated a medicine wagon for some time, now does a little marble cutting at home in South Wilton. Mike is a fine fellow.

Jess Hanners came to Wilton in the early day

and resides in South Wilton.

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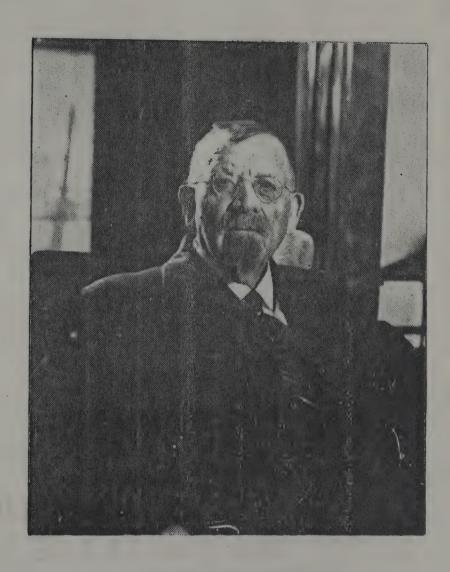
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HENRY WILDASIN

(in his 92d year) Photo taken on May 19, 1947



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The Union Bank of Wilton was organized this

year with a capital stock of \$52,900.00.

The first officers were Samuel Wildasin, President; L. L. Lane, Vice President and J. L. Giesler, Cashier.

The office of the bank was first in the Maurer Block and it remained there until 1886 when the bank bought the property and built the building

now occupied by the Post Office.

The old Union Bank of Wilton quit business when the Charter expired and the Union Savings Bank was organized in 1898 with the following officers, A. R. Leith, President; H. Wildasin, Vice President and W. D. Harris, Cashier. The Bank was capitalized at \$40,000.00. It was liquidated in the 1930's.

Bert Duncan came to Wilton this year, retired,

and lives south of the depot.

#### 1879

This year Scott and Johnson bought the ground where Curtin and Parkins Blacksmith stood, and built the large and commodious brick building on the North side of 4th Street. They occupied the first floor with a grocery store.

On the second floor there were a couple of offices in the front part and the remaining was used for

an Opera House.

This building was quite an asset to the town. It was in this building that A. T. Nelson became a thriving hardware merchant and furniture dealer.

It is now occupied by D. V. Smull with a splendid

stock of hardware.

#### 1880

A. C. Hucke was a Wilton boy who in early in life became an expert in auto repairing, he at one time operated a garage on West 4th Street and now operates a store, keeping repairs for autos, radios and electric fixtures.

He built his fine residence in the year 1929 on

East 5th Street.

Louis Miller is a Wilton boy. After leaving the public school he became a clerk in the Lamp General Store. Mr. Miller is now a member of the firm that operates the Lamp Store. He resides on East 4th Street.

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The Union Bank Building in 1894. In picture are: in window, Dr. D. E. Smith, dentist; others — reading left to right—1. Hans Lage; 2. unknown; 3. George Weatherholdt; 4. Henry Wildasin; 5. J. L. Geisler; 6. Clint Michaels; 7. Charlie Curtis.



North side of Fourth street between Cedar and Cherry streets.



West side of Cedar street looking South from Fourth street. In 1873.

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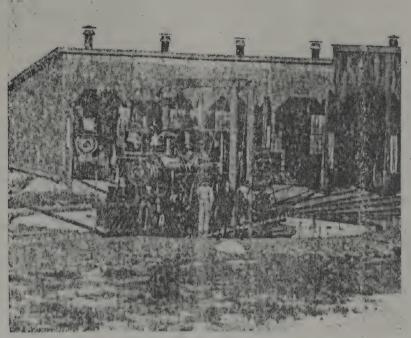
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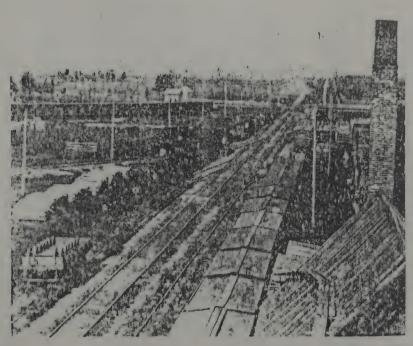
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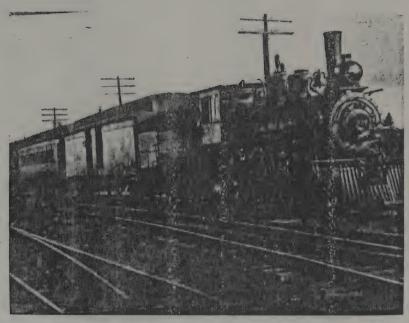


A part of the roundhouse and turntable, at Wilton, 1880.

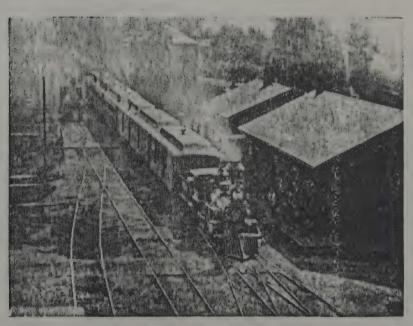


A view of the railroad from the top of the elevator looking West, 1880.



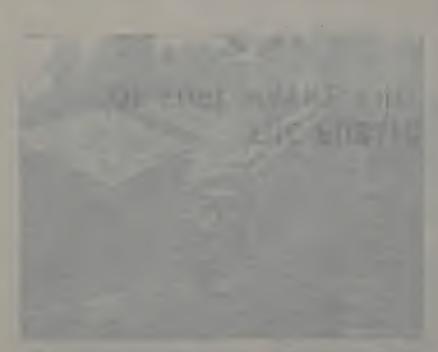


The old "Wilton Plug" which used to run between Wilton and Muscatine about 1906. The conductor, barily discernible, is Zed Black.



Morning mail train, showing Depot and Dispatcher's office. 1880.





The Samuel Wildasin family came to town in this year. Peter Bouland became a resident of Wilton in 1880, retired, lives in South Wilton.

## 1881

This year was a sad year for the Town of Wilton. We must not forget what the Rock Island Railroad was to Wilton, this being the end of the South-West Division, and all main line trains stopped here.

When they removed all of their equipment and buildings, the Division set up was as follows—Round House with 9 stalls, a Turntable, Blacksmith Shop with 4 forges employing 4 men to each forge, a large carpenter shop for the bridge gang with 8 or 10 men and a construction train with 15 to 20 men, about 15 Conductors, 15 Engineers, 15 Firemen and Brakemen for all of the trains, 4 Telegraph Operators, Dispatcher Office, Wheel Tapping gang of 4 or 5 men.

When all of this left this little berg, it was disastrous.

## 1882

It is surely hard to pen anything about this little Town after the exodus of train men and the Division equipment.

James Nangle came to Wilton in this year, is

now retired and lives on West 1st Street.

Harry Bernet, a product of the Town, is a plasterer and brick and stone mason and resides on West 5th Street.

## 1883

The town began to bristle up a little when the Rock Island Railroad put on a new train that operated between Chicago and the Twin-Cities and making this the end of the Division; this train was known as the Cannon Ball.

The Rock Island lines also built a branch line to the Lime Kilns, up on the banks of Sugar Creek.

R. C. Cooling came to Wilton in this year, he was employed in the express office for some time also was an express messenger on the road.

He is now employed by K. G. Grunder and lives

on West Sixth Street.

The Geo. Warren family came to Wilton this year. He came to take over the care of the section of the railroad south of town.

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This year the town was shocked to learn that E. P. Ingham, Sr. had committed suicide by shooting himself in the presence of his wife. Mr. Ingham was the first person buried in the new addition to Oakdale Cemetery, being the part between the Old ground and the public highway on the East side.

## 1884

It was with sadness that the stockholders of the Union Bank had to face a great loss among their ranks by the death of Samuel Wildasin, their President, and also the death of Sadie Giesler, the wife of Cashier Giesler.

## 1885

I am using this space about J. H. Wacker, President of the J. H. Wacker Implement Company. Mr. Wacker had been in business for more than 50 years.

In the year of 1900, he built his fine home now occupied by A. J. Wacker. Mr. Wacker was a fine character, a pillar in the Zion Lutheran Church. He died in 1943.

Also the venerable Joseph Ours died this year.

## 1886

This year the Union Bank built their new building at the corner of Cedar and 4th Streets and moved in that same year. This building now houses the Post Office.

## 1887

Geo. "Curly" Kelley is a Wilton boy and resides in the down town district.

## 1888

This year we might call a promoting year as the town started to have a hole sunk 2,000 feet in prospecting for oil or gas but when the driller arrived at the depth of 1100 feet, he seemed to have gotten cold feet and compromised with the committee and quit the job.

Wm. Templeman came to Town this year, he has been employed at various occupations and is now meat cutter at Lamp's Store, lives on West 5th

Street.

## 1889

H. G. Nicolaus was born in Wilton. After passing through the public schools, he entered into the

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Taken sometime after 1905. Looking North on Cherry street from the railroad. Wacker Implement Co. on the right and the old Farmers Savings Bank on the left.



Taken from the town water tank about 1892. Looking Southeast.



Taken from toot of Cedar St., looking North. Man on flatear, left, is H. F. Kaufman. Man on threshing machine, left, is Oscar Shaw. Third bldg. from left, the old Reed Bldg., now owned by G. G. Leith. White bldg. with awning down, on right, now houses the Candy Kitchen. Last bldg. now houses Star Drug Store. Shack, left foreground, the old grain office

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News business and also assisted the Nicolaus Bros. in their clothing store. In the year 1929 he became interested in the banking business with his father who was President of the Wilton Savings Bank. After his father's death in 1937, he was advanced to the Presidency of the Bank, an office that he now holds. He resides on the corner of 5th and Cedar Streets. Mr. Nicolaus is among the leading citizens of the town.

Henry Nielsen came to town this year, retired

lives in South Wilton.

H. F. Jarr first came to Wilton this year, a butcher by trade, now employed in the Economy Food Market. Resides on East 5th Street.

Geo. Crooker came to Wilton this year, "Odd

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## 1890

Under the regime of Mayor Norton, a party was secured to drill the hole that was sunk for oil or gas to a greater depth, it was finally sunk to a depth of 1480 feet and procured a flowing well. Its flow was about 450 gallons per minute which made quite a stream. As it flowed into Mud Creek and the Rock Island Railroad got their water from Mud Creek, the mineral mixed with the Mud Creek water made it disastrous to use in the locomotives as it caused the water to foam.

The Railroad asked the Town if they could not put a cap on and reduce the flow. The town consented and it was kept that way until the water

system was placed in most of the town.

N. C. Christiansen came to Wilton this year, re-

sides in South Wilton.

Eddie Fischer is a product of Wilton, employed in the Tri-Cities, lives in Rider's Addition.

## 1891

Bill McSwiggin came to Wilton this year. Since that time he has lost one of his legs but still on deck.

C. A. Curtis started a plumbing shop this year in the building now used by J. G. Crispin as a plumb-

ing shop.

The first Electric Light Plant was built this year, Geo. McCartney was the first Electric Light Plant Manager. The first water mains were laid and connected up with different properties. As Wilton was Dogstangschild office Gameer et (201 song sil – 1101 july Tea chap din racian – 100 mil os s

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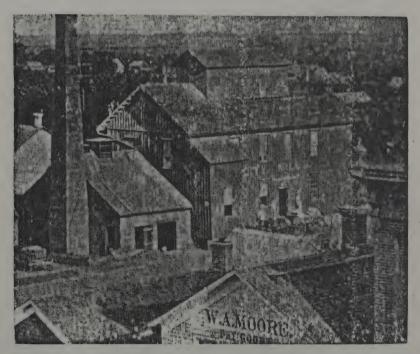
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The C. Hucke Livery Barn. It stood where the Home Mix Feed Co. is now located. Picture taken in 1892.



The Wilton Flour Mill. Picture taken in 1892. Was located across the strept from where the Economy Lumber Co. office now stands.





the first small town in this community to have its own Electric Light Plant, the City Officials of quite a number of small towns came to investigate the plant.

Gec. W. Kelley came to Wilton this year, he purchased the old Brewery Building and converted it into a creamery. He bought the property from P. F. Mueller who had operated the brewery. In June 1892 this building was struck by lightning and burned down, he rebuilt in 1892, a more convenient creamery which he continued to operate for quite a number of years, he also manufactured ice cream. For some time he also did some custom grinding.

Mr. Kelley was elected Mayor of the town in 1894.

## 1892

M. B. Nelson came to Wilton this year, first as a clerk in the hardware store of A. T. Nelson. In a few years he embarked in the clothing business with L. C. Brammeier as partner. He was one of the originators of the Wilton Telephone Company. In 1902 he left Wilton for other fields. While away he did business in Arion, Exira, Atlantic, Cedar Falls and came back to Wilton in 1943. He has built a new five room house east of his home, lives on East 6th Street, affiliates with the Methodist Church.

H. Wildasin came to Wilton this year. When he first came to Wilton he was employed in the Union Bank until the Union Savings Bank was organized in 1898 when he was made Vice President of the bank until he quit the banking business in 1906. He also was Secretary of the White Pigeon Insurance Association for 26 years, quitting in 1923, also served as Town Clerk for 4 years, City Councilman for 5 years, was secretary of the Wilton Fair Association for 5 years, is affiliated with the Evangelical and Reformed Church, resides on the corner of 5th and Elm Streets.

This year Wilton had a second major fire. The fire originated in the Wallace Blacksmith Shop and destroyed the following properties, Wallace Shop, C. Hucke Livery barn, the Scovil and Hubbard buildings also the farm implement building owned by J. H. Osborne. These former buildings were all frame and two storied high. It then came in contact with the two story brick building of C. B. Strong

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also destroyed most of the contents in the Strong General Store.

Last, but not least, this year the Union Bank was robbed of \$4,100.00.

## 1893

This year there was considerable building and remodeling of a number of homes. The house, now occupied by Mrs. Kathyrn Claussen, was remodeled by H. Wildasin, the house, now occupied by L. J. Kiser, was remodeled by J. L. Woodhouse, the house, now occupied by Mrs. Dora Bannick, was remodeled by Geo. Bannick, the last of the frame churches built by the Methodist was built this year.

C. Brown became ticket agent for the Rock Island this year retiring Chas. A. Walker. Mr. Brown continued as agent until relieved by M. J. Doyle in

the year 1911.

## 1894

The Town suffered from the panicky feeling but the Wilton Savings Bank was organized this year, also they built the new bank building for an office this year. The officers of the new bank were as follows— A. A. Cooling, President; F. A. J. Gray, Vice President; J. M. Rider, Cashier. This year the Farmers and Citizens Bank Charter expired. This year is when the German-English College was brought here from Creete, Nebraska. It was not very long lived as about 1905 it was moved to Redfield, S. D.

L. R. Friederichsen came to Wilton this year. He was employed first in his fathers greenhouse, later became sole owner of the greenhouse. Lives in South Wilton. Mr. Friederichsen is one of our respected citizens, affiliates with the Methodist Church.

Harry Freeland came to Wilton this year, has been employed at various kinds of work, lives on Maurer Street.

Eric Ericsen came to Wilton this year, retired, resides on Cypress and Short Streets.

The S. G. Kelley Creamery on West 3rd Street was closed this year.

Frank Merkley came to Wilton, resides in Riders Addition to Wilton,

Geo. Bouland, born in Wilton, employed on the railroad, resides in South Wilton.

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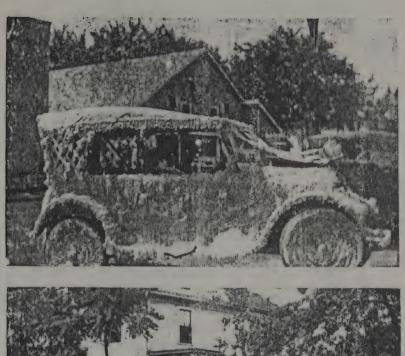
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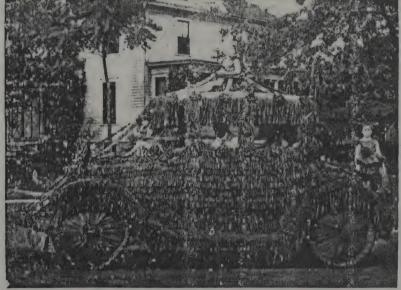
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Two of the decorated autos used in the Homecoming parade of 1922. Top photo is of the float of the Union Savings Bank. In back of float is the Hucke Livery Barn, located where Home Mix Feed Co., is now.



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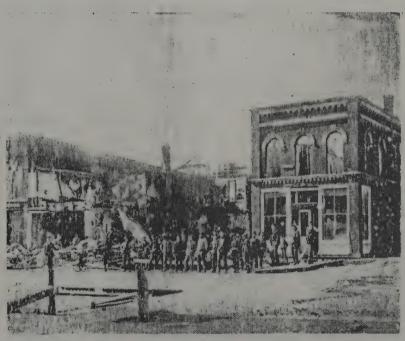
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Smoke stack built in 1926 for the light plant when it was located near the present City Hall.



After the fire of 1892. West side of Cedar street between Third and: Fourth. Corner building was the Strong Building, now Lamp's Store; next to it was the Osborne Building, where the Western Auto Store is now located; the next building ravaged by fire was the Scovil & Hubbard Building, where Hucke's Electric and Duffe Drug is now located.



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Methodist church remodeled in 1878. Picture taken sometime in the 1880's.



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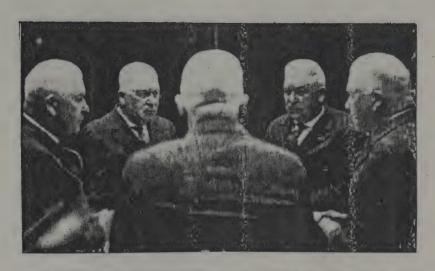
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Interesting photo reprints of the late Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Leith. The affect was gained through the use of mirrors.

The photos were taken during a California trip which was estimated to have been about 27 years ago.



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Ray Wilkerson, born in Wilton. He is now employed in the City Electric Light Plant, lives on East 3rd Street.

## 1895

Richard Atwill, born in Wilton, employed by the

Dickey Oil Co., lives on East 5th Street.

Albert Winsell came to Wilton this year, he was employed at the Shiflet Grocery Store, at present he is janitor of the Wilton Public Schools, resides on Locust Street.

D. F. Dwyer became a resident of Wilton this year, he was employed by the U. S. Express, also operated a pool room and restaurant, lives first house East of the School House.

Lewis F. Creitz died this year.

J. E. Park, educated in Wilton, became Cashier of the Farmers and Citizens Bank until they quit business. He was employed in other banks. Resides now in California.

## 1896

Quite a shock to the stockholders of the Union Bank, first, the death of C. B. Strong, President, then J. L. Giesler resigned as Cashier, F. C. Michaels, Bookkeeper, went to Jacksonville, Ill. A. R. Leith was elected President and W. D. Harris, Cashier.

W. G. Griffith came here this year, retired, lived on North Maurer Street, died June 11, 1946. Whitmer and Griffith opened a new furniture and undertaking establishment in the Ross building, this year.

C. H. Jacobsen came to Wilton this year, he was a cigar maker by trade and was thus employed until he became Post Master. He has been an invalid for years, lives first house North of the Masonic

Temple. Died in 1946.

The Wilton Grist Mill was burned to the ground this year, W. A. Leamer was the owner at the time of the fire, cause of the fire unknown. The building was one of the old landmarks, the building being built originally by W. N. McNaugton as a warehouse in the early days of the town. Mr. J. G. Sharp had bought the property in the late Seventies and converted it into a Grist Mill by adding engine room.

1897

Wm. Wilkerson is a Wilton boy, he served in World War I, lives in Rider's Addition.

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M. B. Shuger is a product of Wilton, he is some authority on tree spraying, also does painting, lives on North Maurer Street.

Frank Piggot, a Wilton boy, was in World War 1,

he is now employed in the Post Office.

#### 1898

Nicolaus Bros. built the building, now occupied by the Western Auto Co.

C. Hucke built the building, adjoining, the same

year, now occupied by A. C. Hucke.

John Reese came this year, lives on East 4th Street.

Rudy Arp came here this year, works for Hawk-eye Lumber Co.

Andy Ovesen came here this year, retired, was

a common laborer.

This year is when the Rock Island Railroad put down an additional track making it a double track system to Moscow. They also built a new brick Depot, also in 1926 a memorial or monument was erected in honor of Benjamin Brayton.

Frank Corson built the house that is now occupied

by Walter Kaufmann.

#### 1899

D. Ruff built the two room brick store building, one room now occupied by D. V. Smull and the other by Dr. G. A. Whetstine.

### 1900

Dr. W. A. Cooling built the house on West 6th Street now occupied by Henry Grunder.

The Presbyterian church was rebuilt this year

putting in semi-circle pews.

H. P. Mason, M. D., opened up an office this year

for the practice of his profession.

Orville Ford came to Wilton about the year 1900 to become a Rural Mail Carrier, which job he held until he retired a few years ago, lives in his home on East 5th Street, which was built by C. C. Wacker.

Gail Ford has been a resident of Wilton the major part of his life, if not all, he is a painter and decor-

ator, lives on East 5th Street.

Jens Hansen came to Wilton this year, has been employed in the Tri-Cities, lives on West 6th Street.

Harry G. Griffith, a Wilton boy, served in World

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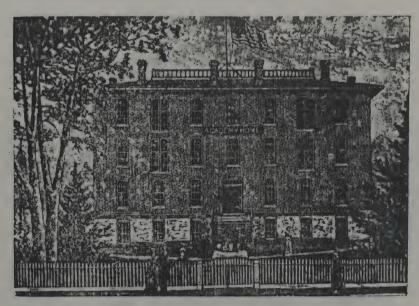
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Photo reprint which was originally taken in the chapel of the Wilton German-English College, It is estimated the photo was taken in the winter of 1899 or 1900.



The old College Home, built in the late sixties or early seventies, now wrecked. Was located one block east of where the Bannick apartments now stand.



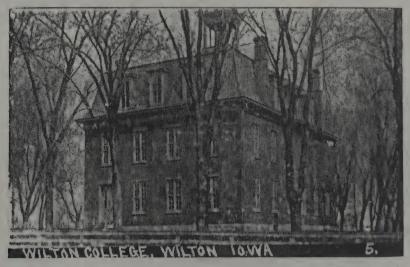
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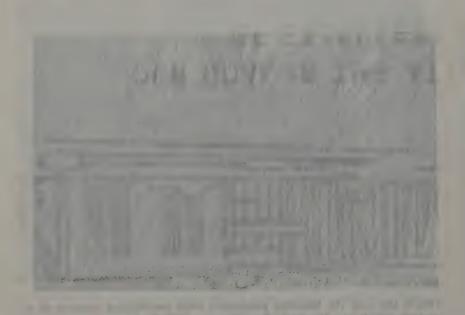
The Wilton Public School as it appeared after erection in 1875. This building was remodeled twice and an addition built thereon in 1915. The building was wrecked in 1931 and a new part erected that year.



This is the way the building aappeared after remodeling because of a cyclone which tore the roof off in the year 1876. Now used as an apartment house, owned by Dora Bannick and known as the Bannick Apartments. It is located one block North of the Public School building.



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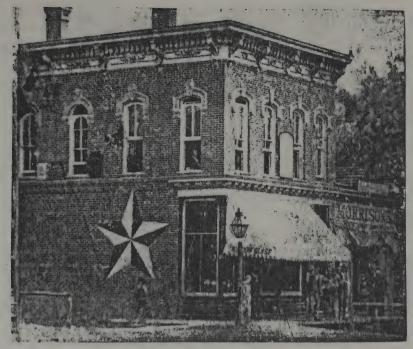
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Star Drug Store built in 1875.



The Bacon Block, corner Fourth and Cedar streets, now owned by Gus Nopolous.



War I, learned embalming and is now sole undertaker, lives on North Maurer Street on second floor of the Funeral Home.

L. N. Ayres came to Wilton this year. He had served on the Town Council, also was Mayor of the town. He died in 1940 and was a fine old gentleman, 95 years old.

Theo. Port came to Wilton this year. Died in 1933, a good old soul.

Henry J. Sindt came to Wilton this year, is a handy man, lives South of the Depot.

Arthur Brenner came to Wilton this year, now Street Commissioner or General Utility Man, lives north of the railroad on Chestnut Street.

Henry W. Moeller came to Wilton this year, then moved on a farm returning to Wilton in 1944, retired, lives on Cedar Street.

#### 1901

Amelia Wildasin built the house now occupied by Mrs. Alice Nangle on 4th Street.

Attorney A. R. Whitmer came to Wilton to practice his profession, has his office and residence over the Star Drug Store.

P. A. Schmidt came to Wilton this year as a Cheese Maker, now handy man, lives on West 1st Street.

Dr. L. C. Winter came here from College to practice his profession, first upstairs in the Maurer building, now over the Star Drug Store, lives on West 4th Street.

Wm. Lang built his fine home in 1919, later went to Muscatine, taking his home with him. He died in 1944.

#### 1902

The frame Methodist church burned this year, the commodious brick church was built in 1902 and has the largest auditorium of any church in town.

W. D. Harris built his fine home now occupied by

the Kirk Grunder family.

Geo. H. Woodhouse built his fine home this year now occupied by L. C. Kiser.

#### 1903

Homer Carson came this year, a laborer, lives on East 3rd Street.

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Picture taken in the Union Bank building in the early 90's. From left to right: Dr. A. R. Leith, Clint Michaels, Gail Geisler, Henry Wildasin and Rev. McAulay.

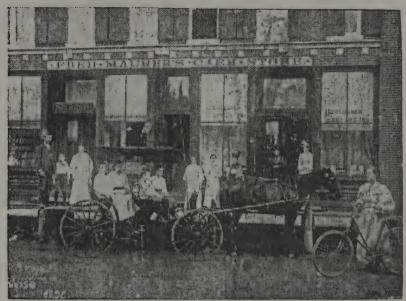


Another view of 4th and Cherry streets sometime after 1905.

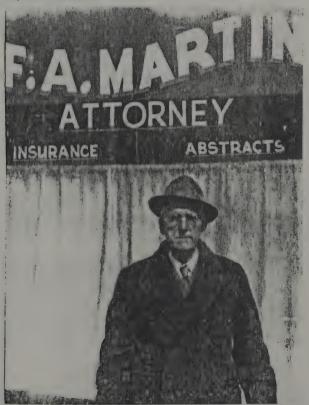


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The above photo was taken in 1896 and in the picture, left to right, are: Fred Maurer, A. J. Wacker, Ada Maurer, Elizabeth Lawser, Hilda Maurer, Ed. F. W. Maurer, Lulu Strobel, Clara Maurer, Louise Maurer, Mrs. Fred Maurer, Mrs. Lena Strobel Francke, Mrs. Carrie Maurer Setzephandt, and Edna Maurer.



F. A. Martin, 75 years old April 13, 1947, been in the law business here over 40 years, is Wilton's only living Spanish-American War Veteran.



Grace Evangelical and Reformed church was built this year.

A. R. Leith built his spacious home this year and now occupied by G. G. Leith.

A. B. Kelley came to Wilton this year, was Rural

Mail Carrier, now retired.

John Luethye came to Wilton this year, worked for A. T. Nelson in tin shop for eleven years, then began business for himself. His place of business just North of the old Farmers Bank building, lives on North Maurer Street.

#### 1905

H. Wildasin built his home this year.

Economy Lumber Company organized this year. Henry W. Lamp became the sole owner of the then known "Strong Store", now known as the Lamp Store. Mr. Lamp came to Wilton in 1886 and was a clerk in the C. B. Strong General Store, after Mr. Strong's death he managed the store until 1905.

The Farmers Savings Bank was organized this year with the following officers—C. C. Kaufmann, President; Fred (Cash) Maurer, Vice President; F.

C. Wickes, Cashier. Mr. Wickes died in 1924.

Harry B. Strong and J. W. Potter started a new General Store in the building now occupied by A. C. Hucke.

Harold C. Wacker, born here, is a member of the J. H. Wacker Implement Co., lives on North Maurer Street, A member of the School Board.

Geo. E. Nolte came to Wilton this year, retired,

lives on West 4th Street.

T. P. Russell came to Wilton this year, retired,

died in 1946. Lived on North Cherry Street.

J. G. Crispin came to Wilton this year, is a Plumber by trade, served in World War I, is also in the berry business, lives on East 3rd Street.

Adolph Jarr came here this year, retired.

F. A. Martin, Attorney, came here this year, to practice his profession, office in Farmers Bank building, lives on West 6th Street.

#### 1906

F. A. Maurer and family came to Town this year. Elmer F. Maurer came here this year, served in

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World War I, electrician by trade, lives on Cedar Street.

#### 1907

F. A. Maurer bought the Griff Johnson home on Cedar Street.

Gus Bartels came to town this year, retired, lives on 2nd Street.

A bad accident occured at the Cypress Street crossing this year, George Angerer was driving his team hitched to a surrey on a Sunday morning on their way to his wife's father, when they came to the crossing, a freight train had just pulled in and the caboose was on the crossing. The train had stopped to take water, the locomotive was not at the crane so pulled up and went too far so had to back up. After the train had pulled up, the brakeman signalled Mr. Angerer to come across but just as he was on the track the train was backed up and caught the surrey and cut it in two and the back seat with Mrs. Angerer and children was crushed under the caboose and one of the children was killed an Mrs. Angerer was quite seriously injured, Mr. Angerer with other children was cut away and were not injured. Have been several accidents at this crossing.

#### 1908

Lowry N. Johnson, a home product, traveling

salesman, moved from town in 1946.

F. W. Gray became a resident of Wilton, first, in the G. W. Moore house, then on Cedar Street. He died in 1925.

The Warner Arc Lamp factory was built on railroad ground, known as the "Y". It was short lived, and some of our citizens were sorely stung.

#### 1909

G. J. Nicolaus built his new home this year, now

occupied by H. G. Nicolaus. He died in 1937.

Dr. L. H. Whitmer, a product of this Town, after passing through the schools of Wilton he went to prepare himself for his life's work. After graduating from the School of Medicine in 1934, his time was occupied in the State of Kansas until he came here to practice medicine in 1936. He entered the service in 1940, returned again to his practice in

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1945. Built his home in 1938. Has established his office on the corner of Maurer and 6th Streets.

Peter Ketelsen came here this year, is a carpenter

and painter by trade, lives on East 5th Street.

F. A. Latchaw came here this year, has put his time in different kinds of business. He was our State Representative for Muscatine County, served five terms and one extra session (50th). Is now engaged in the Real Estate and Insurance business. His office is located west of the Post Office on 4th Street. His home is at the end of Walnut Street.

#### 1910

The Grace Reformed Church built the choir loft this year, under the pastorate of J. W. Bechtel, also this year S. W. Kresge became Pastor.

Rev. M. E. Lumbar became Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, he remained as Pastor for 5 years.

Alexander R. Leith was born here this year, he is now employed by the Economy Lumber Company, lives corner 5th and Cedar Streets.

#### 1911

Paul Darting born here, operates filling station corner of 5th and Cherry Streets, lives on West 5th Street.

Ernest Friederichsen built his home this year, now occupied by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Friederichsen.

Claridon Doyle came here this year and is now employed at D. V. Smull Hardware store, lives on the corner of 3rd and Chestnut Streets.

Earl Whitmer began business this year making burial vaults, went to Muscatine, returned to Wilton in 1915, still making vaults. He built the building for a garage in 1921 and operated as a garage until sold to Stormer. He is now located on South Cedar Street, lives on North Cherry Street.

#### 1912

Wm. Port came to town this year, he buys and sells poultry, lives on North Cedar Street.

Art Atkinson came here this year, lives on West

1st Street.

Earl Atkinson came here this year, employed in the Tri-Cities, lives on corner of 6th and Chestnut Streets.

Mrs. Minnie E. Dice built her home this year.

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Geo. Holzhauer built their home this year.

#### 1913

K. G. Grunder came here this year and worked for W. A. Grunder, a contractor, until 1932 then began to contract for himself. He built the following houses, the one at the corner of Pine and 6th Streets, now occupied by Chet Ellis, he then built the house between 4th and 5th Streets on West side of Oak Street, now occupied by Lillie Leth, he then remodeled the house on North Side of 5th Street, now occupied by Mrs. Anna Hahn, he then purchased the home of the late W. D. Harris and has remodeled it and is now occupying same for his home. He is a member of the Town Council, Kirk is one of our energetic citizens.

Harold Duncan born here, resides in South Wilton. Henry Thede came here to operate the hotel on Front Street. He sold out and was out of business for some time, then he took over the hotel business again, but in 1932, he changed location to the D. G. Agnew residence on the highway. In 1936 he changed to what is known as the Wayside Cafe, which he later sold and quit business. He died in 1943.

#### 1914

F. E. Walters came here this year, first clerked in the Star Drug Store, then he entered the service of World War I. After return from service he became assistant cashier of the Wilton Savings Bank, he is now cashier, also secretary of Oakdale Cemetery Association, treasurer of Wilton Schools, lives on West 5th Street.

This year James Kelley and his wife became estranged which increased as time went on but the climax came in August this year. His wife was living with her sister when Kelley appeared. His wife ran upstairs to get away from him but he followed and shot her while she was in a closet and also killed himself. This occurred in South Wilton.

#### 1915

F. A. Duffe came here this year, retired, lives on West 4th Street.

Hans Ericksen, born here, a laborer, lives in South Wilton.

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Francis Atkinson, born here, spent some time in the service, is a radio mechanic, lives on East 6th Street.

The town was shocked to the limit when the news was spread of the terrible accident that had occurred on the railroad crossing on Cypress Street where the Arterial Highway crossed, when train No. 7, the Rocky Mountain Limited, struck an automobile driven by Dr. Harold H. Johnson. Four other people were in the car with him. Of this group, four were killed, their bodies horribly mangled; the top being down, one jumped out on a side track where he was badly injured. They were all citizens of Princeton. Iowa. Dr. Johnson, a former Wilton citizen, had only a short time before, moved to Princeton. The engineer, being Tom Dunn, a former Wilton boy, could not stop the train until it had passed the depot bout five blocks from where the accident occurred. The auto was so tightly bent around the pilot that power had to be used to extricate it. It was surely a twisted wreckage.

Rudolph Sebelien came to Wilton this year and built his fine home on Wate Street, Mr. Sebelien is the owner of several farms, he is one of those quiet citizens attending to his own affairs.

Geo. Whitmer came to Wilton this year, he lives

in one of the Leith apartments.

Dr. H. E. Henderson first came to Wilton this year, a Veterinary by profession. After a short while he was called to service in World War I. After he returned from service he was at different localities but he returned to Wilton in 1939 to practice his profession, he lives on the corner of 6th and Cedar Streets.

Louis Schroeder is one of our citizens.

Leonard Belzer came to Wilton this year, served in World War 1, he is now serving as express messenger, and mail carrier.

Kermit Christensen born in Wilton, a sign painter,

lives on 1st Street.

F. L. Duffe came to Town this year, retired, he at one time operated a grocery store in the Bacon Block, lives on East 3rd Street.

A. I. Ericksen born in Wilton, a laborer, lives in South Wilton.

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Robert Budelier came to Wilton this year, retired, bought the H. E. Nicolaus home on West 4th Street, died in 1941.

- J. C. Kerr came to Wilton this year, retired, lives on East 5th Street.
- J. M. Chamberlin came to Witon this year, retired, lived south of depot, died in 1946.

#### 1917

This year is when the City Council constructed the Sanitary Sewer System, which included the major part of the town. The contractors encountered quite a few difficulties, it was quite a proposition in crossing under the railroad tracks, then ran against a large boulder about 12 feet under the surface which took some time to remove, then in several places came in contact with quick sand which caused the City considerable trouble, the construction company met with a sad circumstance when one of their employees was killed.

The outlet of the sanitary sewer system is in the south part of the city near Mud Creek, that flows just south of the city limits. The filter plant or teds were constructed here and a large septic tank was installed, the sewer system was a great benefit to the city and the sewer pipes were made of cement and is quite an asset to the city, one of the most serious things we have to contend with is the roots of the elm trees near the sewer, all in all it is a wonderful thing for the city.

H. F. Lauser came to Wilton this year to manage a lumber yard, is now employed at Gordon Van Tine in Davenport, served as mayor of the town at one time, lives on East 6th Street.

Robert McCov came to Wilton this year, works in

the power plant, lives on West 4th Street.

Carl Sterner came to town this year, he is a truck gardener, also has some bees, lives on North Oak Street.

John Laucamp came to Wilton this year, is an auto mechanic, operates a garage on corner of Chestnut and 4th Streets. Lives in South Wilton.

Geo. McCoy came to Wilton this year.

L. C. Kiser came to Wilton this year, his time has been employed by handling hay and mineral feeds, lives on West 5th Street, a respected citizen.

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Robert Nicolaus a Wilton boy passed through the Wilton Schools, is now employed at the Wilton Savings Bank and lives at his father's home.

#### 1918

John Bolly came to Wilton this year, retired lives on East Wate Street. A respected citizen.

Geo. Marolf came to Wilton this year, retired,

lives on Maurer Street. A respected citizen.

Thos. H. Owens came to Wilton this year, was employed by the railroad. Made his home on East 5th Street, was a member of the town council. Died in 1946.

#### 1919

L. S. McCoy came to Wilton this year, has been employed as Night Watchman for the last 15 years.

Gus Sambdman came to Wilton this year, he is

now employed by the R. E. A.

Henry Kook came to Wilton this year, he is now employed by the railroad, lives on South Chestnut Street.

Harry Maurer came to Wilton this year, he is an auto mechanic, employed in the Tri-Cities, lives on West 4th Street.

#### 1920

W. A. Grunder built the house, now owned by Noah Whitmer, estate, this year, now occupied by Mrs. Alvin Lutje.

Theo. Hillyer built his home this year on Cedar

Street.

F. S. Abbott built his home this year on West 4th Street.

H. F. Schnack came to Wilton on or about this year, first purchasing the house where Walter Kaufmann now lives later selling it and buying the property on East 5th Street where he now lives. Has served on the Town Council, is quite a stock feeder, one of the leading citizens.

Dallas Sterner came to Wilton about this year, had been employed at various kinds of work, he is now assistant janitor at the school house, lives

south of the railroad on Locust Street.

H. R. Maurer came to town this year, lives on West 4th Street. His house burned to the ground in 1931 and he built a new one in the same year. The second secon

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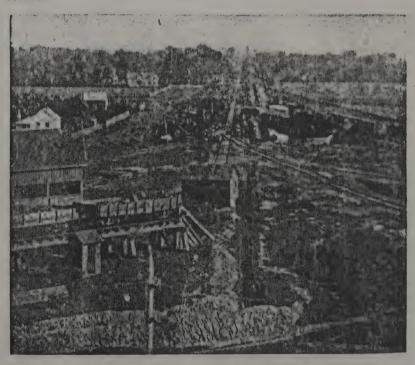
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William Looney, Arnold Jacobsen, Phillip Dornseif, Coach James Bacon, Frank Bacon, Frank Abbott, Guy Ringgenberg.



Pauline Bunker Swartzlander, Myra Maurer (deceased), Sophia Miller Hanks, Elizabeth Cronin Greer, Frances Kelley, Ruth Ringgenberg Maurer.



Looking south from top of elevator, between 1875 and 1880. The railroad putting in the water line from the creek to the tank by the tracks.

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L. S. McCoy, better known as "Mac" to his many friends, has served as Wilton's night watchman for almost sixteen years. "Mac" states he was forced to make approximately 250 arrests for various misdemeanors during this time.



The race track at the Fair Grounds, in Wilton, about 1912. It was located on what is now the C: L. Cockshoot farm.



I. S. MicCo, better known or "Mar" to his many friends, has serred







Pictured above is "Mother Wilton" and the spacious archway which was built by Mr. A. T. Nelson (standing on statue in upper photo) to welcome all those arriving by train for the Homecoming held August 15, 16, 17, 1922.

It was located just North of the tracks at the foot of Cherry Street.



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George Nopolous, born in Wilton March of this year. Went in the Service December 11, 1942 and was discharged February 28, 1946. Owns half interest in the Wilton Candy Kitchen with his brother, Leo, since October 1, 1946.

Dr. Henry Hell came to Wilton this year to practice his profession as a veterinarian, his home was on East 6th Street. Died in 1937.

Chester Hell came to Wilton this year, after his fathers death, he operated several trucks, went into service, returned and began to do some trucking business, lives on East 6th Street.

A. E. Pirkey came to Wilton this year, a painter and paper hanger by trade, lives in South Wilton.

Ernest Niles came to Wilton this year, a laborer, lives in North Wilton, Riders Addition.

Lupton Smith, a Wilton boy, has just been discharged from service, lives in South Wilton.

Geo. Kook, born in Wilton, first employed as Assistant Post Master, then entered service, was discharged and is now Assistant Post Master, lives in South Wilton.

Leo Nopolous, born in Wilton; upon his navy discharge he operated the Candy Kitchen for quite some time, lived in the Bacon Block. He and family moved to Stuart, Iowa about December 1, 1946 where he purchased a cafe which he now operates.

#### 1922

The Home Coming Celebration was held this year and the town did itself proud by pulling off the greatest event that has ever happened in the Town. Surpassing any other gathering heretofore held, the event lasted three days and was truly a great demonstration.

Fenton Fox of Chicago, a former Wilton boy, was the prime promoter, it was through his efforts that it was such a success. He used every way and means possible so that every former resident of Wilton, as nearly as could, would be informed of the event. He had some one of each graduating class of the Wilton High School appointed as a committee on invitations and in that way nearly every former citizen would get notice.

The Honorable Robert G. Cousins of Tipton was the chief orator for the occassion, Mr. Cousins was At the district on a West areas and deep 20 contains the tell of the extreme to all appears to a second transfer on the extreme to the extreme

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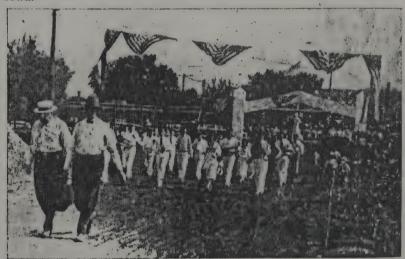
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Some of the men of the Wilton Division of the railroad who attended the Homecoming. Left to right, they are: George H. Porter, Kankakee, Illinois; J. Will Vanee, ElReno, Oklahoma; Mike Hickey, Wilton, Iowa; William Miller, Clinton, Iowa; George J. Miller, Duluth, Minnesota; A. Hassler, Kansas City, Missouri; B. C. Ludlow, Waukashaw, Wisconsin; J. W. Smith, Rock Island, Illinois; Charles H. Davis, Rock Island, Illinois; sitting—E. J. Shields, Silvis, Illinois; Adrian Hudler, Battle Creek, Michigan; Al Nichols, Manden, North Dakota; J. W. Mason, Minneapolis, Minnesota; F. E. Friday, Des Moines, Iowa; Dan Shellhammer, Rock Island, Illinois; Ed. M. Kene, Butte, Montana; D. H. Webb, Chicago, Illinois; John T. Twomey, Julesberg, Colorado; Oliver Dailey, Muscatine, Iowa.



The above photo shows Mayor Bannick (on the right) and Dr. A. R. Leith (on the left), president of the Wilton Home-Run Club, leading the Homecoming parade which was held on Tuesday, August 15, 1922. Immediately following them is the Wilton Band.



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Men in the above picture are those of the Wilton Division of the Railroad who attended the Homecoming. Left to right: Dan Shellhammer, R. I., Ill.; A. Hassler, Kansas City, Mo.; John T. Twomey, Julesburg, Colo.; J. T. Ryan, Duluth, Minn.; R. C. Ludlow, Waukashaw, Wis.; E. Friederichsen, Wiltón; Richard Wiley, Chicago; Mike Hickey, Wilton; D. H. Welsh, Chicago; Oliver Dailey, Muscatine; Geo. J. Miller, Duluth, Minn.; N. J. Lorang, Blue Island, Minn. Second row, right to left: Mrs. J. H. Malvern, San Diego, Cal.; Mrs. Happy Hudler, Wilton; Al Nichols, Manden, N. D.; Adrain Hudler, Battle Creek, Mich.; Chas. A. Davis, Rock Island, Ill.; J. W. Smith, Rock Island, Ill.; Mrs. Beth Porter Horne, Chicago, Ill. Third row, left to right: F. E. Friday, Des Moines, Ia.; Ed M. Keane, Butte, Mont.; E. J. Shields, Silvis, Ill.; J. W. Mason, Minneapolis, Minn.; J. Will Vance, El Reno, Okla.; Geo. H. Porter, Kankakee, Ill.; Wm. Miller, Clinton, Ia.



Front row, left to right: Mrs. Ella Ayres, Fenton Fox, Alexander R. Leith, A. T. Nelson. Back row, left to right: Arthur J. Wacker, Henry Lamp, Geo. J. Nicolaus, Dave Burrows.

Picture taken during the Homecoming.

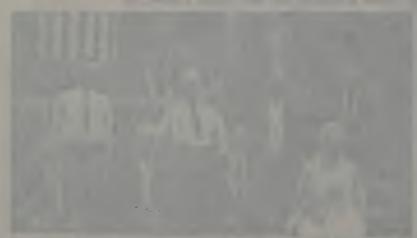


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considered one, if not the best, orators of Eastern Iowa.

We must not forget what a part A. T. Nelson played on this occassion towards making it a success and also he erected a Goddess of Wilton that was placed near the railroad station to welcome the incoming crowds.

We do not wish to slight anyone but to do so would make quite a volume, former townsman, J. M. Rider was also an asset to the occasion, so as not to slight any one it would be only fair to state that those who were former residents and the people at home were very much enthused and should not be forgotten too soon, again stating it was the greatest event that Wilton ever had, barring none other.

T. A. Hill came to Wilton this year, when he first came to Town he operated a truck for some time, then he was engaged to assist in the J. H. Wacker Implement House where he is still employed being quite an asset to the business, lives on East 5th

Street.

J. F. Snow came to Wilton this year, he is a clock

repairer, lives on 1st Street.

Elmer Steffens came to Wilton this year, he was at first employed by the Lamp store, then entered the service, was discharged and is now back on his old job at the Lamp store, will reside on East 3rd Street.

Clarence Duffe came to Wilton this year, after he left the Wilton schools, he joined the Navy, since his release he has become employed as a distributor of bottle gas. Lives on 6th and Cedar Streets.

### 1923

Kenneth Murdock came to Wilton this year, was educated in the Wilton Schools, operated the DX filling station for sometime, was in the service, but is now discharged, home is on Chestnut Street.

### 1924

Henry Mark moved his old house away and which is now occupied in North Wilton and built his new house this year and it is now occupied by John F. Burkle as his home.

H. C. Lange came to Wilton this year, he operates

a garage and lives on East 4th Street.

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Robert Lange came to Wilton this year, was in the service but is now discharged.

Thos. Lange came to Wilton this year, was in the

service but is now discharged.

Thos. Gill built the house this year where Howard Gill now lives.

Junior Atkinson born in Wilton, just returned from service.

Howard Gill came to Wilton this year, went in service during World War 1, is now employed in the Tri-Cities, lives on West 3rd Street.

T. H. Armstrong came to Wilton this year. The Armstrongs purchased the Wilton Telephone Co.

equipment and now lives on Cedar Street.

R. D. McCabe came to Wilton this year. He and his son operate a filling station on East 5th Street and lives on East 5th Street.

Paul McCabe came to Wilton this year, he entered the service but is now discharged. He and his father operate a filling station and also the Busstation which is located on East 5th Street, lives on East 5th Street.

Morris Ovesen, a Wilton boy, was in the service

but is now released.

Art Jenner came to Wilton this year, was in the service. Has been discharged and lives in the Bannick Apartments.

W. H. Pirkey came to Wilton this year, is a Paint-

er, lives on North Cedar Street.

Earl Armstrong came to Wilton this year, is now Manager of the Wilton Telephone Company, lives on West 6th Street.

Kenneth Brenner, a Wilton boy, entered the ser-

vice but now released.

Emil Schroeder came to Wilton this year, he has been occupied at various things but is now operating a feed store, also deals some in farm implements, lives on Maurer Street.

#### 1925

J. L. Bailey built his new home this year.

Friedericka Brammeier built her new home this year, on Maurer Street.

Jake Frymoyer has been a resident of the Town

for some time.

Lee Masterson came to Town this year, is a barber by trade, and is also employed in the Tri-Cities, lives on West 3rd Street. terra viv. v a versa v regil v Versalisation versa va dissi

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This is the year that the town ordered 13 blocks of concrete paving built as follows—one block on Front Street, two blocks on Cherry Street, three blocks on Fourth Street and three blocks on Fifth Street, three blocks on Cedar Street, one block on Elm Street. It improved the looks of the town wonderfully, also the removing of the unsightly poles from the streets of our business district is a credit to the town.

This year was a year of jubilee for the Masonic Order when they built their magnificent Temple, the building is a great credit to the order and a wonderful asset to our town.

Lyle Ovesen, a Wilton boy, is one of our citizens. Arthur Wiebel is employed at the Wilton Milk Products Co., lives on West 3rd Street.

Felix Dwyer, a Wilton boy, lives with his mother

on Cherry Street.

R. F. Abbott, a Wilton boy, his first business venture was operating a filling station on Highway No. 32. In 1938 the present filling station was built being on West 4th Street, he had been employed in the Tri-Cities for some time, lives in his fathers home on West 4th Street.

Richard Schneekloth came to Wilton this year, he is employed at the Wilton Milk Products Co., lives

over the Candy Kitchen.

Carl Sambdman came to Wilton this year, operates a poultry and egg truck, lives South of the railroad.

Geo. Kahler came to Wilton this year, has been employed in the Tri-Cities, lives on West 1st Street.

Herbert Waech came to Wilton this year, is the Principal of the Zion Lutheran School, lives on Maurer Street.

Rev. J. M. Newgard came to Wilton this year to become the pastor of the Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church and which positions he now holds, lives on East 5th Street. Mr. Newgard is now serving in his 21st year.

1927

The people of the community were shocked when they heard that Geo. Wagner, one of our good citizens, was instantly killed by a train that was running late. It happened at the Cypress Street crossing and he drove his auto on to the railroad track en og ver seres og ære ares ense

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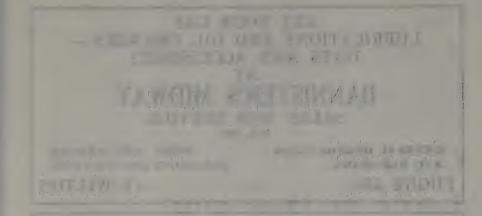
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not noticing the oncoming train. His body was mangled beyond recognition. The accident happened in the month of May of this year.

Walter Kaufmann came to Town this year, is employed at the Arsesnal, lived on North Maurer

Street, now lives on West 6th Street.

J. J. Hoskins came to Wilton this year, he served as secretary of the White Pigeon Insurance Co. for a short period, was Assessor of the Town for some time and is now City Clerk. Lives on East 6th St.

Geo. Freeland came to Wilton this year, has been discharged from the service, lives on Maurer Street.

Frank Kook came to Wilton this year, is a handy

man. Lives on East 6th Street.

Ed Dirksen came to Wilton this year, he now lives on East 6th Street.

Ernest Darting came to Town this year, he operates a fleet of trucks, lives on West 4th Street.

#### 1928

Peter Ellis came to Wilton this year, operates a filling station, also cabins for tourists, lives on East 5th Street.

Ed Martens came to Wilton this year, works in

the Tri-Cities, lives in the Leith apartments.

Harry Harper came to Wilton this year as an auto mechanic, operated a fleet of trucks known as Harper's Ferry. Sold his business to his son, Lee, when he was released from service in June, 1946. Lives on North Oak Street.

Carl Giese came to Wilton this year, a stone and

brick mason by trade, lives in South Wilton.

#### 1929

The first Electric Light Plant was built in 1891, in 1914 there was an addition added on to have more engine room, a new Corless Engine was added, about 1921 an additional Corless engine was added. In 1926, the great smoke stack was built, in 1929, the new Electric Light Plant was built using Diesel engines instead of steam, the plant now has three Diesel engines to furnish the current.

Victor Kephart came to Wilton this year, is employed at the Wilton Milk Products Co. lives in

South Wilton.

Rinehart Giese came to Wilton this year, is employed by the Economy Lumber Co., lives on Short Street.

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Arthur Giese came to Wilton this year, is employed by the Economy Lumber Co. Lives on Short St.

Leland Barkalow came to Wilton this year is now in the service, lives on West 2nd Street.

Harry Petersen came to Wilton this year, he operated a garage on East 4th Street, left Town and returned in 1936 when he opened a shoe repair shop west of the Post Office—later moving to the Teasdale building next to Smull's Hardware. In 1946 he sold out to Max Lauser, a returned war veteran, teaching him the trade.

Roy Barkalow came to Wilton this year assists on road grading, lives on East 4th Street.

#### 1930

Adolph Bausch came to Wilton this year, lives in South Wilton.

Henry Blocker came to Wilton this year, a laborer, lives in South East Wilton.

James Sheetz came to Wilton this year, was in service but is now released. He is associated with the Western Auto Store, lives down town.

Hilbert Stoelk came to Wilton this year, a carpenter by trade, was in the service, now released lives on Walnut Street.

Chas. Stack came to Wilton this year, employed

in the Tri-Cities, lives in South Wilton.

Alfred Ehrecke came to Wilton this year, operates a County Road Maintainer, lives on 6th Street.

On May 30th, this year, the attic of the Dr. H. P. Mason residence was destroyed by fire.

Elliott Cole came to Wilton this year, he is at the

present time in the Service.

Ellsworth Cole came to Wilton this year, drives truck for Paul Hedden, lives in North East Wilton.

### 1931

Fred Bartholoma came to Wilton this year, lives on West 5th Street.

Earl Beinke came to Wilton this year, released from the service, lives on West 4th Street.

Fred Angell came to Wilton this year, employed

in the Tri-Cities, lives on East 5th Street.

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Clarence Beinke came to Wilton this year, is in the

service, lives on East 3rd Street.

Harry Marolf came to Wilton this year, now operates a rendering plant truck, lives in South Wilton.

Elmer Swanson came to Wilton this year becoming principal of the Wilton Schools, he is now superintendent of the Wilton Schools, lives on North Chestnut Street.

#### 1932

E. M. Lenker came to Wilton this year, has a team of horses to do hauling and plow gardens, lives on East 3rd Street.

Fred Holtz came to Wilton this year, he is employed as a news distributor, lives on North Cedar Street.

Ed Johansen came to Wilton this year, is a barber by trade, establishment and home on East 4th Street.

Henry Bartholoma came to Wilton this year, lives on East 6th Street.

Paul Jesse came to Wilton this year, he is the

proprietor of the pool hall on Cedar Street.

Alfred Lenker came to Wilton this year, he operates a rendering truck for a Davenport firm, lives in North East Wilton.

#### 1933

Leo Maurer came to Wilton this year, is employed

by the Wilton Milk Products Co.

Fred Mann came to Wilton this year, he is employed at the Home Mix Feed Co., lives on East 5th Street.

Gale Reedy came to Wilton this year, lives south

of the depot.

E. A. Giles came to Wilton this year, operates a filling station West end of 5th Street, lives on West 5th Street.

John H. Maurer came to Wilton this year, he is Secretary and Treasurer of the White Pigeon Insurance Association, also Secretary of the Independent School District of Wilton, resides on West 5th Street.

On October 9th of this year, the Hileman General Store was the scene of an attempted robbery by four bandits. During the encounter, gunfire was

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very prevalent for a few minutes. Later the bandits were captured and subsequently imprisoned.

#### 1934

H. W. Rochholz came to Wilton this year, retired, lives at the north end of Maurer Street.

Harry Hahn came to Wilton this year, he is employed in Durant, lives in South Wilton.

The Railroad that had been operated between Wilton and Muscatine for about 80 years was abandoned this year.

The Economy Store was opened for business in 1934, the first manager was J. Soukop, he remained as manager for some time, then he was succeeded by C. J. Davies as manager. There has been several different people who have managed the store for short periods. It is now managed by Mrs. Clara Sterner, the store was at first opened in the Nicolaus Clothing Store building but is now in the Ross building.

Emil Baer came to Wilton this year, retired, lives on West 4th Street.

Richard Rochholz came to Wilton this year, he is employed at the Wilton Milk Products Co., he recently purchased the old D. G. Agnew residence.

#### 1935

Carl Herr came to Wilton this year, he is a carpenter by trade, lives on East 5th Street.

John May came to Wilton this year, he is employed in the Tri-Cities, lives in the Bannick apartments.

Ardel Christensen came to Wilton this year, assists his father in the grain and feed business, returned from the service and will reside upstairs of the Farmers Bank Building.

Attorney E. W. Mead came to Wilton this year to practice law, was first over the Post Office later bought the Baker property on the North side of 4th Street and moved his office there, he lives first house north of the Methodist church, Mr. Mead is an alert Attorney.

Allen Voss came to Wilton this year, returned from the service, he was employed in Tipton, lives West 6th Street. Now employed with the Wilton Electric Company.

Francis Henderson came to Wilton this year, he

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Looking north on Cedar Street. Upper photo taken about 1900. First two story building on the left was the Whitmer Griffith Furniture building. Lower photo taken in March of 1947.



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operates a farm, lives on West 5th Street.

A. E. Christensen came to Wilton this year, he is in the grain and feed business, lives on West 6th Street.

Dr. G. A. Whetstine came to Wilton this year to practice his profession as an Osteopathic Physician, resides in a house he recently purchased from James Bacon on North Chestnut Street.

Kenneth Herr came to Wilton this year, was employed for some time at the J. H. Wacker Implement Co. but of late has been employed at the stone quarry near Moscow, lives on East 5th Street.

#### 1936

S. L. Torrence came to Wilton this year to manage the Hawkeye Lumber Company, lives in North East Wilton, one of our good business men.

John Marolf came to Wilton this year, he has held various jobs, but at present is employed at the Hawkeye Lumber Co., lives on South Cherry Street.

Hilbert Gradert came to Wilton this year, he operated a meat market but is now co-operator of the Tipton Locker Plant, lives on West 5th Street.

Norman Peek came to Wilton this year, has been employed at various kinds of work, has been released from the service, built a home in North Wilton on East Waite Street, now an electrical contractor.

Elbert Wiebel came to Wilton this year, he is employed in the Tri-Cities, lives on Maurer Street.

T. D. Birchard came to Wilton this year, he operates the jewelry department at the Star Drug Store, lives on West 6th Street, a good citizen.

### 1937

Fred Tharp came to Wilton this year, he issists Mr. Henderson on the farm, lives on West 5th Street.

Paul Thomas came to Wilton this year, he is employed as a carpenter with W. A. Grunder Sons, Contractors, now lives in Atalissa.

A. H. Mueller came to Wilton this year, he does all kinds of Electrical work, lives on East 5th Street.

Roy W. Thomas came to Wilton this year, he is a painter and decorator by trade, lives on East 3rd Street.

Chas. Sambdman came to Wilton this year, has been released from the service, lives in South Wilton.

Burton Wall came to Wilton this year, first employed at the Friederichsen Green House, entered the service now released, he operated the DX filling station for a few months, lives on West 5th Street.

### 1938

Sam King Jr. came to Wilton this year, he operates a filling station south of the depot, lives at the station.

Frank Wilson came to Wilton this year, is at present in the service, lives on West Summit Street.

Emil Moeller came to Wilton this year, retired,

lives on Maurer Street.

L. J. Dayton came to Wilton this year, sort of

handy man, lives south of the railroad.

Henry Sambdman came to Wilton this year, he worked at various places as a meat cutter, he is now employed at the Clover Farms Store, lives on East 4th Street.

Philson Lincoln came to Wilton this year, home is

on East-North Railroad Street.

Clinton Lincoln came to Wilton this year, he is a teamster, lives on East 4th Street.

Henry Martin came to Wilton this year, retired.

Alex. Parks came to Wilton this year, he has done various kinds of work.

L. M. Hatfield came to Wilton this year, was the proprietor and manager of the Hatfield filling station for some years, lives in North Wilton.

Chas. Adams came to Wilton this year, retired,

lives on East 3rd Street.

Paul W. Johnson came to Wilton this year, retired, but somewhat interested with his son on the farm, lives on Cedar Street.

R. S. Grimm came to Wilton this year, is employed in the Tri-Cities, lives in South Wilton.

Henry Davis came to Wilton this year.

Walter Timmsen came to Wilton this year, em-

ployed in Durant, lives on East 3rd Street.

Ivan Sterner came to Wilton this year, employed with the repair gang of the railroad. Resides in the house he purchased South of Depot.

### 1939

The new City Hall building was built this year, large enough to house most of the cities needs, the

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Photo of City Hall taken in March of 1947, also shows Honor Roll Board, which was donated by Miss Frances Kelley, City Clerk of Wilton a number of years ago.



This photo of Wilton's Municipal Light Plant was also taken in March of '47, and was built in 1929.



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auditorium or hall proper is a very large room and can accomodate most any crowd. In the basement there is a room for the Legion to meet in, also room for the Firemen. The Public Library is also in this building, Mrs. E. W. Mead being the Librarian, there are quite a number of books and periodicals to be found there. Also houses Council Chambers, Mayors Office, City Clerk's Office and the fire apparatus is also housed in the building proper, the City Hall is an asset to the town.

Henry Sambdman came to Wilton this year, out of the service now, lives in South Wilton.

Leslie Ferguson came to Wilton this year, does some gardening, lives in south Wilton.

L. J. Kiser came to Wilton this year, retired, lives at the corner of 5th and Cedar Streets.

Geo. Frymoyer came to Wilton this year, employed in the Tri-Cities, lives on East 6th Street.

Clarence Burmeister came to Wilton this year, now employed by the Byrne Construction Co. of Moline, released from the service December 19, 1945.

### 1940

Dave Bowers came to Wilton this year, employed in the Tri-Cities, lives in South Wilton.

Henry Lonshaw came to Wilton this year, he is employed at the Wilton Milk Products Co., lives in South Wilton.

Geo. Reedy came to Wilton this year, a gardener, lives on East 3rd Street.

Clarence Fulton came to Wilton this year, he operated a dairy until 1944, lives on West 5th Street.

Ben Shea came to Wilton this year, he represents a mineral feed company, lives on East 3rd Street.

Western Auto Co., owned by Mr. H. C. Moeller, was opened this year. He recently bought the building formerly owned by Nicolaus Bros. Mr. Moeller was the most successful tomato raiser in this community, if not in the state. He had 60 acres in tomatoes in 1946 and received the largest check any farmer ever received for raising tomatoes in this vicinity. Mr. Moelelr is a fine young business man.

H. B. Tumey came to Wilton this year, he is operating a plumbing shop located in one of the Leith

buildings. Lives on East 6th Street.

Arnold Ziebarth came to Wilton this year, he op-

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erates a truck for the Watson Bros., lives in South

Wilton. Moved to the Tri-Cities in 1946.

Harold Nicolaus, a Wilton boy, began his career in the Wilton Savings Bank, was in service and has been discharged; is back on his old job in the bank, also, with his brother, Robert, operate the Nicolaus Insurance Agency. He had a sad experience a few years ago, the house he was remodeling was wrecked by an explosion, he built a new bungalow where he now resides on West 6th Street.

### 1941

Hilbert Leech came to Wilton this year to operate a tavern, lives on West 6th Street, Suspended business in 1946.

Earl H. Luethye, a painter and decorator, lives in

South Wilton.

Rev. Roger L. Crabtree came to Wilton this year to become the pastor of the Methodist church, he resides in the parsonage next to the church.

Bert Gill came to Wilton this year, retired, lives

on West 5th Street.

Wilbur Jensen, operated a tavern on Front Street. Suspended business in 1946.

Whitey McQuillen operates a tavern in the IOOF

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L. C. Gill came to Wilton this year, he was employed in Lamps Store as a meat cutter but was called to the service and is still in.

C. E. Whitmer came to town this year, he had been employed in the Tri-Cities. Is a carpenter by

trade, lives on West 6th Street.

Ernest Colberg came to Wilton this year, his time is taken up by looking after his farm work, lives on Cherry Street.

John Ellis came to Wilton this year, an auto

mechanic, lives in South Wilton.

Harold Grunder, a Wilton boy, was associated with his father, W. A. Grunder, in the Contracting business, his father has passed away, but he will continue the business. Harold is one of our energetic men. He built his new home where he resides in 1940.

Harlan Grunder a Wilton boy, is a carpenter by trade, he had assisted his father in the Contracting business before his father passed away but will work with his brother in the business. Resides on East 3rd Street.

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Mearle Hicks came to Wilton this year, lives in the Bannick apartments.

Paul Hedden came to Wilton this year, he operates a trucking business, lives on East 3rd Street.

Ray F. Pilcher came to Wilton this year, first operated the bakery, but recently purchased the tavern of Hilbert Leech.

August Bangert came to Wilton this year, is employed in Durant, lives on the corner of East 6th and Locust Streets.

Kenneth Wagner came to Wilton this year, he purchased the Wilton Theater, changed the location to the Bacon building, has an up-to-date place, lives over the theater.

Phillip Scharff came to Wilton this year, retired,

lived in South Wilton. Died in 1946.

Chas. Wesley Norton came to Wilton this year, he lives on East 5th Street.

Harry Amerine came to Wilton this year. Is employed in the Tri-Cities, lives on East 5th Street.

Albert Rubel came to Wilton this year, retired,

lives on East 5th Street.

Roy Kress came to Wilton this year, he drives a truck for the Rock Island Produce Co., lives on East 4th Street.

Geo. Withrow came to Wilton this year, retired,

lives on Maurer Street.

W. S. Wildasin came to Wilton this year, first living in the Daut house, then purchased his present home on West 4th Street.

## 1943

Sam King, Sr. came to Wilton this year, retired, lives on South Cherry Street.

Hilbert Sniler came to Wilton this year, drives a

Ruan truck, lives in the Maurer apartments.

Lewis Coss came to Wilton this year, lives on North Cedar Street.

W. J. Kelting came to Wilton this year, employed

by the railroad, lives on West 4th Street.

W. C. Chapman came to Wilton this year, retired,

lives on East 5th Street.

Chas. Corley came to Wilton this year, operates an oil truck and the D-X filling station, lives on West 4th Street.

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Martin Jensen came to Wilton this year, retired, lives on East 5th Street.

Frank Darting came to Wilton this year, he now operates a truck for himself, lives on East 3rd Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lorenz and son, Lester, junior, came to Wilton this year, purchased the stock and equipment of the Wilton Advocate, a printing establishment publishing the local newspaper. Brought with them, from LeClaire, Iowa, the firm name of The Elite Press. Have made many improvements to the business, reside on West 5th Street.

Rev. C. M. Ferguson came to Wilton this year, he is pastor of the Evangelical church south of town on Highway No. 38, lives on East 5th Street.

Wm. Howell came to Wilton this year, lives in

South Wilton.

Ed Schaffer came to Wilton this year, operates an Implement business in Bennett, lives in the Maurer apartments.

Rev. Edward J. O'Hair came to Wilton this year as the priest of the Roman Catholic church of Wilton, lives on East 3rd Street.

### 1944

Paul Herr came to Wilton this year, was in the

service, lives on East 5th Street.

J. R. Dose came to Wilton this year, he is now sexton at the Presbyterian Church, lives on East 6th Street.

James Parkhurst came to Wilton this year, lives on West 5th Street.

Charles Babcok came to Wilton this year, retired, lives in South Wilton.

Fred Pasgovel came to Wilton this year, works in the Tri-Cities, lives on East 4th Street.

Geo. E. Rick came to Wilton this year, retired,

lives on East 4th Street.

Gaylord Leggins came to Wilton this year, lives on West 6th Street.

W. E. Hilgenberg came to Wilton this year, is employed by the R. E. A. bought a home on Chestnut Street where he lives.

Kenneth Whitely came to Wilton this year, employed in Moline, bought one of the Hickey houses on East 4th Street where he lives.

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Miss Alta B. Suiter, R. N., former assistant pastor of the LeClaire Full Gospel Tabernacle, came to Wilton this year to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lorenz.

Robert Worrell came to Wilton this year, he is employed by the R. E. A., lives on North Cherry

Street.

L. A. Ford came to Wilton this year, retired, lives on Cedar Street.

Milford Smith came to Wilton this year, lives on West 5th Street.

John Smith came to Wilton this year, laborer, he lives on East 3rd Street.

### 1945

It seems as though some terrible thing must happen every so often, this time it was the killing of Pete Soteros, section foreman on the railroad, and one his men by the name of Lamp. They saw a train coming from one direction and stepped on the other track not noticing that a train was approaching on the track where they were standing, the road being of the double track system.

The R. F. Abbott residence on North Cherry

Street was destroyed by fire this year.

Leo Herr came to Wilton this year, was in the service, lives on East 5th Street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Daly came to Wilton this year; Mr. Daly operates a welding shop and Mrs. Daly a

cafe downtown. They live over the Teasdale office.
Raymond G. Tyler came to Wilton this year, is
the Athletic Coach of the Wilton Schools, lives on

Cedar Street.

Elmer Straub came to Wilton this year, he is employed in the Tri-Cities, lives on East 3rd Street.

A. E. Eckhardt came to Wilton this year, lives in South Wilton. At the time of gathering this history was in Arizona for his health.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Frankenpohl came to Wilton this year; purchased the Wayside Cafe of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Diggins and in the early spring of '47 sold same to Mrs. Louise Foreman who now operates the Cafe which is located on East 5th Street.

Melvin Louk came to Wilton this year, employed

by the R. E. A. lives in South Wilton.

Elmer Daut came to Wilton this year, retired, lives on Cedar Street.

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Chester Ellis came to Wilton this year, lives on West 6th Street.

David Stapp came to Wilton this year, he operates an implement shop on Cedar Street. Lives on West 4th Street.

H. V. Bunce came to Wilton this year, retired, lives south of the depot.

Henry First came to Wilton this year, employed by the railroad, lives on Locust Street.

H. H. Hudson came to Wilton this year, retired, lives on West 4th Street.

Evan Jenkins came to Wilton this year, retired,

lives on Maurer Street.

Kenyon Fitzjarrell came to Wilton this year, operates an electric shop corner of 4th and Chestnut streets, lives over the shop.

John Schiele came to Wilton this year, released

from the service, lives on East 6th Street.

Joe Bujewski came to Wilton this year, retired, lives with Harry Maurer on West 4th Street.

John Birkhofer came to Wilton this year, rural

mail carrier, lives on East 6th Street.

Mort Cockshoot, a Wilton boy, employed in the Tri-Cities for awhile, lived on West 6th Street, moved away in 1946.

Carl Musfeldt came to Wilton this year, operates a garage on the north side of 4th Street, lives over

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Richard Fulton came to Wilton this year, operates a dairy route, lives in south Wilton.

W. N. Phillips came to Wilton this year, lives on East 3rd Street.

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Charles Hines came to Wilton this year, employed

in the Tri-Cities. Lives on East 6th Street.

H. L. Schafnit came to Wilton this year, retired, lives on West 5th Street. Is now the mayor of Wilton.

Roger Coulson came to Wilton this year, is the English teacher and also Principal of the Wilton schools, lives on East 5th Street.

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Louis Stoll came to Wilton this year, retired, lives in home he purchased that was built by Herman Kretschmar in 1922.

Ferdinand Bunge came to Wilton, retired, lives on

East 4th Street.

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Willard Hillyer came to Wilton this year, was in the service, now discharged, purchased the Wacker Blacksmith Shop, lives on West 6th Street.

Claude Christian came to Wilton this year, lives

on West Iowa Street.

Martin Peters came to Wilton this year, operates an oil truck, lives on East 6th Street.

Frank Hamann came to Wilton this year, retired,

lives on West 6th Street.

Henry Grunder came to Wilton this year, retired, lives on West 6th Street.

Henry Dall came to Wilton this year, he is sexton of the Oakdale Cemetery and lives in North Wilton.

Jacob Bigford came to Wilton in the early thirties, he lives in South Wilton.

Elnof Kroening came to Wilton in the year 1945

making his home in South Wilton.

Dr. Robert P. Mason is a product of the town. He spent his boyhood days in Wilton, after passing through the Wilton schools, he entered the State University of Iowa. Completing his course there, he continued taking the course in Medical School connected with the University. He then served one year as intern at the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Joining the Navy as a Medical Officer, he has been stationed in various areas in the Pacific. Serving two years overseas he was returned to the states, and was stationed at a post near Norfolk Virginia, where

he served until discharged.

D. V. Smull purchased the Robert Budelier home this year.

Henry Schmidt bought the Smull home this year.

L. C. Cockshoot became a citizen of Wilton this year, retired.

The R. E. A. came to Wilton in the 1944 and established their headquarters here, bringing several families to town, they are constructing power lines in the rural districts.

They have purchased vacant lots known as the Nelson lots in East Wilton along the highway, this

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A view of the north side of the Bacon Building where the Wilton Herald was located. Picture taken about 1897.



Looking west from top of Nelson Building in 1880. On the left is the Hucke Livery Barn and in background, the Wallace house,



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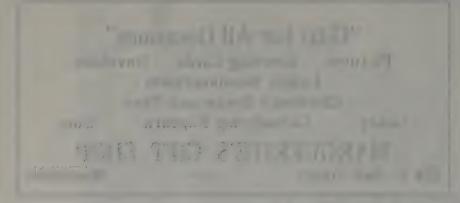
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property consists of a city block. Here they have established their office and freight depot, along the railroad tracks, also a building to store necessary material. An asset to the town.

Bannister Brothers, Emil and Carl, came to Wilton in the year 1946. They are operating the Mid-Way Garage, along the highway on East 5th Street, they also reside on East 5th Street.

Paul Hedden bought lot 4 Block 64 Butterfields

addition from the Knouse family.

Roze Rorrick bought Lot 2 Block 63 Butterfields

addition from M. B. Nelson, this year.

Wayne Grunder a product of Wilton passing through the Wilton Schools. Entered the service but now released. Assists his father at carpenter work. He purchased a lot on East 5th, upon which he erected a new home for his family. But after completion sold it to Mayme McKeag and is at present erecting a new house in West Liberty. Mrs. McKeag purchasing this property for a home, she sold her property on West 5th Street to Carl Schwin.

Norman Peek an enterprising young man became a citizen a few years ago. He was in the service, after his release he purchased a lot on East Wate Street and has erected a fine residence thereon. He

is an electrician by trade.

Henry Gruemmer residing on East 5th Street, has crected a new garage on the back part of the lot facing on Chestnut Street. Mr. Gruemmer has been a citizen of the town for some time.

R. F. Abbott is erecting a new house to replace the one destroyed by fire in 1945. It is on his lot on

North Maurer Street.

Mr. Mark Nelson has erected a new house on his lot on the corner of 6th and Cypress Streets. When completed the new home will be occupied by Mr.

Nelson and family.

H. C. Lange having disposed of the garage on the corner of 4th and Cypress Streets, has purchased the west part of the lot adjoining the property he sold and has erected a new garage with living quarters on the second floor.

Beryl Grings, of Durant, purchased the Wilton-Durant Locker Plant this year. It is operated by

Charles Taylor and Albert Meisinger.

Charles Hart came to Wilton in the year 1878, was employed by the Economy Lumber Co. for 26 years,

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was out of town for a short period returning in 1946. Is now employed as City Weighmaster, resides on 3rd Street.

Mrs. Hattie Mason sold her home on the corner of Elm and 6th Streets to Richard Lester, who in turn has converted it into an apartment building. She also sold her property on East 4th to Wilbur Hendricks, whose son is to occupy said property. She purchased the Lowry Johnson property on West 5th Street, where she now resides.

The Minnie Friederichsen house on East 5th Street was sold to Val Wilson of St. Paul, Minn. Formerly Val Hudler. The Wilson's will occupy the

premises about May 1st, 1947.

Dr. Frutiger bought Lots 1-2 and 3 Block 64

of Butterfields addition this year.

Leo Walters, a product of the town, he was inducted into the service, now released, resides with his

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walters.

L. R. Friederichsen and wife, sold to F. E. Walters and wife, Blocks 69 and 72 and Lots 9 to 16, in Block 81, Green and Stones addition.



We must not forget the liberal gift of Frances R. Kelley of Muscatine but a product of Wilton, of the bulletin board placed on the City lot just west of the City Hall. Containing the names of the boys and men in service. Known as the Wilton Honor Roll. It is a great credit to the town, moreso to the donor; many thanks, Frances—"Hats Off."

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# Some of Our Influential Men\_ ~Who Have Passed Away~



RED (CASH) MAURER, operated a general store, his first place of business was on the north side of 4th Street. Located in a building that stood on the ground where Dr. Teasdale's dental office now stands. He then bought some ground on the south side of 4th Street and built the double store of brick, now known as Maurer's Block. This building now occupied by Ed. F. W. Maurer. Mr. Maurer died in 1930. A good citizen has left us.

DR. W. A. COOLING, came to Wilton in the year 1873. He was educated in the Wilton Public Schools. After getting his diploma from the school of medicine, he returned to Wilton to practice his profession. He and his father, the late Dr. A. A. Cooling, were associated in the practice of medicine. He was a citizen of Wilton with the exception of the time he spent in Altoona, Pennsylvania. A lover of sports, he died in the year 1922. He had built his fine residence on West 6th Street, in the year 1900, now the home of Henry Grunder. He was sorely missed by his friends.

W. A. GRUNDER became a citizen of Wilton in the year 1913. First worked at the carpenter trade. Then began to contract jobs on his own accord. Had been a successful contractor with the exception of the short period he was with the John Hunsinger Company. Then returned to Wilton and continued as a contractor until his death, which occured in the year 1946. He had served on the Town Council, was also a member of the Board of Education. He built a fine home for himself on the corner of Oak and 6th Streets. He sold this house to Hilbert Leech in the year 1943, and built himself a bungalow on the adjoining lot, which he did not have long to enjoy. He was an energetic citizen.

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DR. H. P. MASON, became a citizen in the year 1900. After graduating from medical school in Chicago and serving as an intern, he began to practice his profession. On arriving in Wilton his first office was in the Griffith building. When the Farmers Savings Bank building was built he moved into that building, and his office remained there until his death in 1942. Dr. Mason was a great lover of sports, an enthusiast concerning our public schools, he was a member of the Board of Education for several terms. He enjoyed to teach the boys the art of playing baseball. He has gone to his reward.

C. P. TEEPLE came to Wilton about the year 1900. Taking over the plumber shop of C. A. Curtis, He was a well driller by trade and a man of extraordinary strength. He operated the first automobile that came to Wilton, it was a one lunger, Grove Hill had the next auto, it was a two lunger. Mr. Teeple will

be remembered by more than one.

JOHN L. WOODHOUSE came to Wilton about 1886. In 1888 he interested W. D. Harris to associate with him in the banking business in Western Kansas where he prospered financially. He died in 1907.

FRANK BACON SR. was one of our influential citizens of the town, during the latter part of the last century. He was one of our leading general store keepers for many years, he was also interested in the banking business. At one time he was elected mayor of the town. Mr. Bacon was a pillar in the

Wilton Methodist Church: He died in 1905.

CHARLES C. BACON a Wilton boy, was a graduate of the Wilton Public Schools. He was first employed in his fathers store, in the course of time he became owner of the store, which was one of the leading general stores of the town. Mr. Bacon operated the store until the time of his death which occurred in 1923. Mr. Bacon was one of the leading members of the Wilton Methodist church, a fine citizen. Attended to his own affairs not a meddler.

J. L. GIESLER, born in Wilton, son of a widow who had quite a job on her hands. Mr. Giesler got his education in Wilton. Partially in the public Schools and part in the select school operated by Prof. J. B. Harries. At the age of 17 he was taken into the banking house of J. L. Reed who took quite an interest in the boy. Being an apt scholar he came to the front fast. After the death of Mr. Reed, the

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Reed banking house was closed. He secured a positon as assistant cashier in the Farmers and Citizens Bank, where he remained until the year 1878, when the Union Bank of Wilton was organized. He was elected to the office of cashier, which he held until the year 1896 when he resigned, on account of ill health. Mr. Giesler held the office of mayor of Wilton, also served a term in the State Legislature. Later was in the banking business in Muscatine. He

H. W. LAMP came to Wilton in the year 1886, accepting a clerkship in the general store of C. B. Strong. He served in that position until the death of Mr. Strong, which occurred in the year 1896. He was then made manager until the year 1900, when he bought a half interest in the store, and in the year 1905 he became sole owner of the general store. About this same time he purchased the building from Mrs. Strong, Mr. Lamp was appointed mayor of the town to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Bannick, which occurred in the year 1927. He was somewhat interested in the banking business, upon the death of Dr. A. R. Leith, who was president of the Union Savings Bank, Mr. Lamp was elected to the Presidency of said bank. In the death of Mr. Lamp which occurred in 1934, the town lost quite an asset. Mr. Lamp was one of the best mayors the town of Wilton ever had. He should be classed with the departed Influential Citizens.

DR. A. R. LEITH came from the farm to become a clerk in the William Ross Drug Store. After he had received his diploma from the Medical College, which was in the year 1882, he returned to Wilton to practice medicine. He was quite successful as a physician, he became interested early in life in the banking business, was president of the Union Savings bank of Wilton when he passed away in the year 1930. He had been a member of the board of education for a number of terms. He served as mayor of the town for one term. He was a public

spirited citizen.

died in the year 1931.

A. C. SHIFLET came to Wilton in the later part of the last century. Embarked in the grocery business, by purchasing the stock of groceries, of W. S. Minster, after some time he disposed of the stock to C. A. Kiser. He was elected to the office of County Treasurer but, did not serve the full term, resigning

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W. I. BLANCHARD came to Wilton in the early days of the town. He was at first employed by M. C. Ott who was operating a meat market at that time. Later he formed a partnership with J. P. Hill. Their business was buying and selling of live stock, they also operated a feed lot on a large scale. This partnership was dissolved but we have no record of dates. Later he associated himself with J. L. Giesler who did stock feeding on a large scale. First near Wilton, then near Dexter and Redfield, Iowa. Later changed to Gladwin, Iowa. We might call Mr. Blanchard quite a plunger, but good hearted. Died in 1929.

M. C. OTT came to Wilton in its early days. Purchasing the meat market business from Mr. Thede, he slaughtered some hogs one winter. He was at one time associated with W. G. Johnson in buying of grains of different kinds. He tried farming for a time, but his desire was to live in town. He went to Nebraska for a short time, but returned to Wilton and bought the Wilton Elevator. In a short time the elevator burned down. He rebuilt but not on as large a scale. While he was operating the elevator he was called away by death in the year 1907.

W. G. JOHNSON came to Wilton in the early seventies. He assisted in the managing of the Ccoperative Store for a short time. He left the town but returned in 1883, when he and J. A. Hanna formed a partnership in buying grain and livestock. After a few years M. C. Ott and S. L. Johnson, his brother, became associated with them under the firm name of Johnson Ott and Co., this was of short duration. Then he and his brother S. L. Johnson began feeding stock. They for some time operated a feed lot on the then known Reed farm just south of town. Mr. Johnson's financial success came when he entered the Auctioneer business. He was a wonderful farm sale auctioneer, which business he continued until his death, which occurred in the year 1911. He was missed by the general public.

A. T. NELSON came to Wilton about the year 1890. He clerked and worked in the tin shop of Clarence Walker, who was operating a hardware

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store and tin shop. In the course of time he bought the business from Mr. Walker. He operated the business until the year 1930 when he disposed of the business to D. V. Smull, who is now operating the business. Mr. Nelson died in the year 1936. He was

a hustling business man.

H. E. and G. J. NICOLAUS embarked in the clothing business in the year 1885. The firm name was Nicolaus Brothers, they started in business in the building now occupied by the Wilton Advocate office, then later they built their large commodious building, where they continued until they sold out. H. E. Nicolaus died in 1930, and G. J. died in 1937.

They were always at their job.

JOHN BERNET came to Wilton in the early days. He was for quite a period our leading plasterer, brick and stone mason. If his name should appear on all of the buildings that he superintended the plastering of it would be quite numerous. He served three years in the Civil War. He built a home for himself on the west end of 5th Street, which was his home until his death in 1932. Mr. Bernet was a

good and honest citizen.

W. D. HARRIS a Wilton boy. He received most of his education by attending a select school taught by his father for a number of years. He was employed on a farm. In the year 1886 he became assistant cashier of the Union Bank of Wilton. In 1888 he went to western Kansas to operate a bank for J. L. Woodhouse. He remained there until 1896 when he was elected cashier of the Union Bank of Wilton. When the Union Savings Bank was organized he was elected as cashier which office he held until he was stricken by a stroke which ended his career in the year 1928. He had many friends.

J. M. RIDER first came to Wilton to become a citizen in 1874. He was the first and only pulisher of a paper called the Wilton Exponent, which was later merged with the other Wilton paper. The new name was to be the Wilton Review. He was instrumental in publishing the first part of this history. From the beginning of the town until the year 1876. He also served a term as Post Master of Wilton. He left the town for about ten years, returning to become cashier of the Wilton Savings Bank, which had just been organized. He was one of the promoters of the Wilton Telephone Co. He left Wilton in the year 1905

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moving to Cedar Rapids, Iowa where he has since died.

GEO. BANNICK interests were in Wilton before he became a citizen. He had been associated with John F. Smith in the meat market business. It was Mr. Bannicks business to see that the meat got to the shop and Mr. Smiths to see that it was disposed of. Mr. Bannick became a citizen of the town in the year 1893 The firm Smith and Bannick continued until the year 1900, when they sold out. Mr. Bannick was also in the Real Estate business after disposing of the meat market. He was elected mayor of the town at several different occassions. He died in California while on a visit there in the year 1927. Mr. Bannick was a go getter.

GEO. J. NICOLAUS born in Wilton. Received his education in the Wilton Public Schools. He did a few odd jobs before he began to clerk for C. B. Strong in his general store. In the year 1885 he with his brother H. E. Nicolaus embarked in the clothing business under the firm name of Nicolaus Brothers. In later years he became interested in banking. He became president of the Wilton Savings Bank, in the early part of this century, which office he held at the time of his death which occurred in 1937.

DR. A. A. COOLING came to Wilton in the early seventies, to practice his profession. In coming to Wilton he was at first associated with the late Dr. C. E. Witham. Later he was associated with the Dr. Thos. Sherwood. He first had an office in the Ross building, then he built the Star Drug Store building, and his office was in the back part on the first floor. Dr. Cooling was quite an enterprising citizen, he was also instrumental in the organization of the Wilton Savings Bank, and the building of the present Wilton Savings Bank building. He was the first president of said bank. He was quite a Methodist. He died in the year 1900.

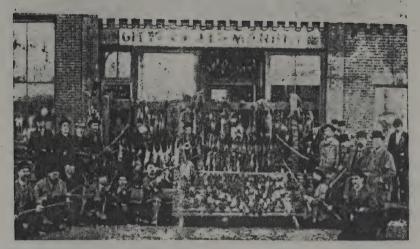
C. W. NORTON SR. became a citizen in the late eighties. One of his first acts was to purchase the fine home of W. H. Johnson, who at that time was County Auditor. Mr. Norton became interested in the town and the community. He was very much interested in the coming of the German English College. He agreed to give a certain amount if his name could appear on one of the buildings, as a monument. It was finally agreed that he could put his

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The Wilton Gun Club. Photo taken December 19, 1900.

Front row, left, kneeling; Clem Shifflet, Calvin Fulton, Bill Templeman, Dr. Miller, C. H. Jacobsen and Dr. A. R. Leith. Standing on left; A. T. Nelson, Bert Wilson, Dennis Dwyer, R. S. Abbott, captain of the left team. On the right, kneeling; George Corey, Lowry Ayres, Johnson Klein. Standing; Mike, Shuger, J. B. McCartney, captain of right team, Frank Delaney, George Plett, Ben Ludlow, Frank Cromer and George Holtzhaurer. The man with apron on, in front of open door, is Red Fritz.



The Wilton Band of 1875.

Front row, left to right; Henry Maurer, John P. Maurer, Albert Grunder, Albert Maurer, John Maurer, Fred Maurer. Back row; John H. Wacker, John Grunder, Henry Rank, Peter Grunder.



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he did. He died in the year 1908.

C. B. STRONG came to Wilton in the early days of the town. When he first came he was employed in the Lewis Grocery Store as a clerk. In a few years he became owner of the store. It was located in the building recently torn down known as the Mayweather Barber Shop building. He then moved into the north room of the Dwyer building now occupied by the Stapp Implement establishment. He then moved into one of the Butterfield buildings, now known as the Lamp Store building. Some years later he purchased the building to house his then general store. His home was where Elmer Daut now resides. Mr. Strong had an operation performed which caused his death in the year 1896. At the time of death Mr. Strong was one of our leading citizens.

W. S. MINSTER came to Wilton in the Seventies. He was for some time employed in the Harry Scott Grocery Store. Then later in the Grocery Store of Scott & Johnson, until they went out of business. He then opened a grocery store of his own, which was known as the Minster Green Grocery Store. He continued to operate this store until he sold it to A. C. Shiflet. Mr. Minster moved to Fairfield after he had disposed of his store. He is now with the departed,

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## Some of the Influential Men of Today

ERNON THEDE came to Wilton in the year 1939 to operate a feed mill. He operated it for some time on East 5th Street in the Wilkerson building. He then purchased the building of the Maurer Bros. Occupied at that time by Harry Maurer for a repair shop. He changed the building into a feed mill, and now operates an up-to-date feed mill on 4th Street, known as the Home Mix Feed Co. He employs several men and trucks in the business, also operates a portable mill. Mr. Thede resides in Muscatine. He is doing a thriving business, quite an asset to the town.

J.W. DUFFE became a resident of Wilton in the year 1931. Mr. Duffe had taken a course in pharmacy and was employed in one of the Schlegels Drug Stores in the Tri-Cities, before coming to Wilton. Mr. Duffe purchased the stock and fixtures of the Ralph Harris Drug Store. He now has a full line of goods for his store. Mr. Duffe is a member of the Board of Education. He resides on North Chestnut Street, is one of our young enterprising business

men.

DR. M. M. HARDING, dentist, came to Wilton in 1923. Purchasing the business of John Scholton, who came to Wilton in 1913, purchasing the business of Dr. F. B. James, who came to Wilton in 1897. Mr. Harding's office is over the Wilton Savings Bank. Mr. Harding resides in one of the Bannick apartments. One of our leading citizens, ready to help if

necessary.

CARLTON WINTER was born in Wilton, educated in the Wilton Schools, also took a course in a Business College in Muscatine. Then entered the employ of his uncle the late H. W. Lamp. Upon the death of Mr. Lamp, his aunt, Mrs. Emma Lamp, placed him in the position of manager of the Lamp Store. He is managing the Lamp Store quite efficiently, he is one of our rising young men, with quite a future for him. He resides with his aunt Emma Lamp.

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DR. G. G. LEITH, a product of Wilton. After passing through the Wilton Public Schools, he took a course in the University of Iowa, after graduating from the University, he took a course in the Medical school. Returning to Wilton he began to practice medicine in the year 1903, being associated with his father, the late Dr. A. R. Leith. Dr. Leith is still practicing medicine, but his main occupation is, at present, the overseeing of his farms, he being owner of numerous farms, in this community. He resides in his spacious home on East 6th Street. Mr. Leith is one of our thriving citizens. He has held various offices, such as a member of the Board of Education, also served as director and vice president of the late Union Savings Bank.

ED. F. DUFFE became a resident of Wilton in the year 1922. First operated an oil truck for the Illinois Oil Co. He then opened the White Paint Store. His store consists of paints, oils wall paper, and other articles. He now owns the oil plant that he operates. He resides in the same building that houses his store. Mr. Duffe is one of our young

thriving business men.

ED. F. W. MAURER, a Wilton boy. After passing through the Wilton Schools, he began business for himself. Using part of the space in the Wacker Implement building. After the death of his father, the late Fred (Cash) Maurer, he began to use the Maurer Block on the south side of 4th Street. The first floor is used as a show room, and apartments are located on the second floor. He built a commodious garage on the rear. Which is an up to date garage. He built his fine home on Maurer Street in 1916. He is an auto mechanic, one of our leading citizens.

C. W. NORTON JR. became a resident of Wilton in 1942, Mr. Norton is managing farms for other people as well as for himself. He is a member of the Board of Education, and at present is serving as president of the Board. He bought the property where he now resides, after he had improved it he has one of the finest homes in town. His home is located along the highway (No. 6) just as you enter the town from the east. Mr. Norton is an enthusiastic citizen, up and coming.

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Economy Food Store. This was in the year 1937. He was out of town for a period, then returned to take over the management of the Economy Food Store, which position he held until he embarked in business for himself, in the year 1943. He now operates the Clover Farms Store. Located on the south side of 4th Street. He has bought a home on North

Maurer Street. Is Jake a spellbinder!

JOHN BURKLE came to Wilton in the year 1935. When he first came to Wilton he was employed by the Wilton Cheese Company. Mr. Burkle left town for a short time, then returned and purchased the equipment of the Wilton Cheese factory. Changed the name to the Wilton Milk Products Company, and it has proven to have been a profitable investment. He employs ten or twelve men, also has a fleet of trucks used in gathering the milk. The average amount of milk collected per day is about 3,000 pounds. Mr. Burkle resides in his fine home, which he purchased on West Fourth Street. Mr. Burkle is also a land owner, one of our leading citizens.

DR. D. L. TEASDALE came to Wilton in the year 1922. Shortly after graduating from the School of Dentistry, at the University of Iowa. In coming to Wilton he purchased the dental equipment of the late Dr. D. E. Smith, whose office was over the Union Savings Bank. His office is now in the Wise building, which he purchased, and remodeled into an up-to-date dental office, which is on the first floor, and an apartment is on the second floor. He also owns his fine home at the head of Cedar Street. Mr. Teasdale is one of our enterprising professional men.

HERBERT WACKER a product of Wilton, after passing through our Public Schools, he became associated with his father, the late J. H. Wacker, in the Farm Implement business, and is now manager of said business. He was mayor of the town for 14 years. He built his fine home on Maurer Street in the year 1919. He is one of our leading citizens.

M. J. DOYLE came to Wilton in the year 1911, to relieve C. Brown as railroad ticket agent at this station. Mr. Doyle has been our genial ticket agent for many years now, and is still on the job. Mr. Doyle resides on West 3rd Street, in a house erected for his own use, as a home. He is one of our respect-

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D. A. BURROWS came to Wilton in the year 1905, to become bookkeeper for the Economy Lumber Co. Which position he held until the death of his father. the late J. E. Burrows, who died in the year 1913. He then became manager and is now sole owner of the Economy Lumber Co. On a Sunday afternoon in the autumn of the year 1925 fire broke out in the sheds of the Lumber Co. and destroyed the vards, and for a time threatened the Town. The town was severely handicapped, a great many of the firemen were out of town, even the fire chief and his assistant. Mr. Bannick being mayor at the time, and knowing the qualifications of the late H. E. Nicolaus as a fire chief in former days called on him to take the position of chief for the occassion. The town called for outside help Tipton responded with one truck, Durant came over, Atalissa got stranded on the way but, Muscatine refused to send help or equipment. Taking it all in the town was lucky. Mr. Burrows has served on the Town Council. He also served as head of the Ration Board in World War two. He is one of our leading citizens. The Burrows family came to Town in 1905.

GUS NOPOULOS came to town in the year 1910. He operated a Candy Kitchen, and continued to operate it until lately, when he turned it over to his son Leo. The Candy Kitchen had proven to Gussy that it was a gold mine. Through the accummulations Gussy now owns several city properties, as well as several farms. He came to the town a poor boy, or a poor young man, but has proven to be an

asset to the Town.

L. L. DAWSON was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, had been a resident of Wilton for some time, left the town, and returned in the year 1942. He purchased the Star Drug Store from H. T. Birchard, who in turn had purchased the stock from Rudy Farner in the year 1927. Mr. Dawson also purchased the fine residence of Mr. Birchard, who went to the coast for his health. Mr. Dawson resides in his fine home on West 4th Street. He is one of our leading business men.

D. V. SMULL became a citizen of Wilton in the year 1919, shortly after being released from the service in World War I. He was at first employed

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as a clerk in the hardware store of A. T. Nelson. He held this position till the year 1930, when took over the stock in his own name, and has been operating the same until now. Mr. Smull has branched out some, he now owns the two store rooms. One was occupied by Geo. Heabner with a grocery store and the other was occupied by Ed Miller with a shoe store, originally known as the Ruff buildings, he also has become owner of the two vacant lots between his property and the Bank property. He resides in his own home on West 4th Street. Mr. Smull is one of our enterprising citizens.

A. J. WACKER was born in Wilton, after passing through the Wilton Public Schools he began his career first by being employed as assistant cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank of Wilton. He then entered the service of Warld War I, after being released he again became assistant cashier of the bank where he was formerly employed. Upon the death of the cashier, F. C. Wickes, he was advanced to the office of cashier. When the bank was merged with the Wilton Savings Bank, he became an employee of said bank, and is now employed there. He resides in his home on Maurer Street, formerly the home of J. H. Wacker. He is one of our respected citizens.

H. G. NICOLAUS was born in Wilton. After passing through the public schools, he entered into the News business and also assisted the Nicolaus Bros. in their clothing store. In the year 1929 he became interested in the banking business with his father who was President of the Wilton Savings Bank. After his father's death in 1937, he was advanced to the Presidency of the Bank, an office that he now holds. He resides on the corner of 5th and Cedar Streets. Mr. Nicolaus is among the leading citizens of the town.

F. E. Walters came here this year, first clerked in the Star Drug Store, then he entered the service of World War I. After returning from service he became assistant cashier of the Wilton Savings Bank, he is now cashier, also secretary of Oakdale Cemetery Association, treasurer of Wilton Schools, lives on West 5th Street.

E. W. MEAD came to Wilton in 1935 to practice law, was first over the Post Office later bought the Baker property on the North side of 4th Street as a clock in the hereleary story of A T. Melson, the hold this positions (if the year hold this position in the stock in his of a hold the same took or at the same and how of a hold the same took the same took took out the same he at the two same took of the two same and a growing store and the orner was not the last the third a store and store, or greatly known as the first oall tiegs, he saw he are the first oall tiegs, he two as the first oall tiegs, he two as the property and the two reasons lots becomes a store of the two reasons lots becomes at a second continue.

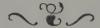
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Looking west on 4th Street from the Wacker Implement Co. corner—the Fourth of July Celebration of 1907.



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A view of Wilton, coming in the town from the East on Highway 6. Andy Mueller's new electric shop is on the left.

Photo taken in March, 1947.

Wilton being on highway No. 6 as it is now known. In the beginning this highway was known as the White Pole Route, which entered the town from the east on 3rd Street, to Cypress Street thence north on Cypress Street until it crossed the railroad tracks and intersected with 4th Street, thence west on 4th Street to the west limits of the town. About 1918 the name of the highway was changed to number which was then known as 7. This used the same route as the White Pole Rou'e. In 1926 the number was changed from 7 to 32 and the route changed as follows: Entering the town from the east on 3rd Street, thence west on 3rd Street to Chestnut Street, thence south on Chestnut Street to 1st. Street, thence west on 1st Street to the city limits. White Pole and No. 7 being dirt highways. No. 32 was surfaced with gravel about the year 1930. The number of the route was changed from 32 to 6 and a new route selected. The new route left Durant on the north side of the railroad tracks and paralelled the right of way of the railroad to Wilton. Entering Wilton on 5th Street and continued on 5th Street until the west limits of town. This new highway was built of concrete, a fine road.



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# Houses Built By Contractors

HAS. Crisman, a contractor, built the following houses: he first remodeled a house at the corner of 3rd and Locust, recently purchased by Martin Hansen for a home. Then he built the house on the corner of 6th and Locust, now owned by August Bangert. Then the house on the south side of 6th Street, just east of Bangert's now owned by M. B. Nelson. Then the house on the corner of Wate and Locust Streets, now owned by John Bolly. Then the house on the corner of Wate and Cypress, now owned by Jake Frymoyer. Then the house on the corner of 6th and Locust Streets, now owned by J. R. Dose. Mr. Crisman has passed on to his reward.

R. D. Wilkerson became a resident of Wilton in the year 1909. Being a contractor he built quite a few houses. He first built the house on the corner of Rose and Maurer Streets. This now the home of Emil Schroeder. He then built the house at the corner of Rose and Chestnut, this is now the home of Dr. G. A. Whetstine. Then the house on the corner of Summit and Chestnut, now occupied by Elmer Swanson. He then built the house just South of Elmer Swanson on Chestnut now occupied by Jacob Duffe. He then built the house just south of the house occupied by Jacob Duffe, occupied by L. M. Hatfield. He then bought the property at the corner of 5th and Cedar, and has made a modern home out of it, he resides there. Mr. Willerson is quite a hustler.

L. O. Stutler came to Wilton in the early days. As a young man he never was idle. He always found something to do, so he built some houses. The first house he built was on the corner of 5th and Walnut, This house he sold to Theodore Port for a home. This house is now owned by Mrs. Rose Ford, as her home. The next house he built on the corner of 5th and Cypress, this house is now owned and occupied by Thos. Owens family. He then built a house on the south side of East 6th Street which he occupied un-

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and occupied by J. J. Hoskins.

Martin Baker built the house on the corner of 3rd and Cypress Streets now owned by Chas. Bailey, occupied by Frank Darting. He also built the house on the corner of Summit and Chestnut Streets, now owned and occupied by S. L. Torrence.

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### Some of the Shoe Stores

SRAEL Windus opened a shoe shop in the early days and continued in business until the railroad moved their terminus or division point in 1881. Then he moved to northwestern Iowa. He did a thriving business, employing as many as eight cobblers at one time. He was one of

the early business men of Wilton.

C. Thomsen was a pioneer in the shoe business in Wilton. He at one time operated a shop where Earl Whitmers welding shop now is, then he had a shop in the building that was torn down, and now where the Masonic Temple now stands. He moved to Okla-

homa quite a number of years ago.

D. Ruff opened a shop in the early day. First in a small building on the south end of the west side of Cedar Street. Later moved to a larger building on the east side of South Cedar, and from there he moved into a building on the north side of 4th Street, where he built the two brick store rooms, one occupied by Dr. G. A. Whetstine and the other by D. V. Smull. These buildings are now owned by D. V. Smull. Mr. Ruff died in 1900.

J. H. Weih opened a shop and store, first in one of the rooms of the Dwyer building. Then he moved to a room on the north side of East 4th, where he did business for quite a number of years. His place of business was just east of the Wilton Savings Bank building. He sold out to J. A. J. Klein, who continued for some time then closed out and left Town.

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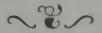
ued in business for sometime, then he sold out or quit business and left town.

Geo. Holzhauer opened a shoe store and shop first in the building where the pool room now is, then he moved into the room that is now occupied by Daly's Cafe, and from there he moved into the Wise building. Now owned by Dr. D. L. Teasdale. He finally closed out.

Ed Miller opened a shoe store when he returned from Tipton, and he continued to serve the people until his health gave way. He then closed out his place of business. He died in 1943.

Ross Robinson had placed a few shoes on the market in his place of business, on the south side of 4th Street. He died in 1946.

Harry Petersen started a shoe repair shop in 1936—west of the Postoffice—later he moved into the Teasdale building, next to Smull's Hardware. In 1946 he sold out to Max Lauser, a returned war veteran, and is teaching him the trade.



### Doctors of all Classes

ILLIAM Ross, W. H. Baxter, C. E. Witham, A. A. Cooling, W. H. Porter, Thos. Sherwood, M. O. Mudge, J. Hardman, D. E. Smith, A. R. Leith, Ockerman and Hynes, F. B. James, John Scholton, M. M. Harding, D. L. Teasdale, H. P. Mason, W. A. Cooling, L. C. Winter, G. G. Leith, Henry Hell, H. E. Henderson, F. S. Abbott, H. E. Hall, C. M. Cantrill, Edwin Bannick, G. A. Whetstine, L. H. Whitmer, J. Runkle, C. E. Gillespie, Dr. Gray, Dr. Richter, Dr. Byerman, G. Frutiger and R. P. Mason.

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# Postmasters and Location of Postoffice

HE first Postmaster was Henry S. Giesler. He was appointed under Franklin Pierce. Post office was at that time in the store building just east of the city scales.

The next in order was J. E. Walker, appointed under Abraham Lincoln. The office was in a store building where J. G. Crispin's plumbing shop now is.

Then J. S. Kiefer, appointed under Andy Johnson. Office was in store building on Front Street on Burkle property just west of Economy Lumber Co.

Charles S. Baker, appointed by U. S. Grant, office on south side of 4th Street, in building now occupied

by E. F. W. Maurer auto show room.

John Ellis, appointed by U. S. Grant. Office then east side of Cedar Street where the Mayweather building stood, now vacant.

Dan Harker, appointed under R. B. Hayes, office

in same location as before.

J. M. Rider, appointed under R. B. Hayes, office moved to the building now occupied by Candy Kitchen.

W. P. Ross, appointed under Grover Cleveland. Of-

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C. A. Walker, appointed by Benjamin Harrison,

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H. E. Nicolaus, appointed by Grover Cleveland. The office was moved across the street in one of the Leith buildings.

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Some fifty years ago tragedy struck in the little town of Moscow. In a frame building covered with sheet iron, an explosion occurred which killed two men, W. R. Spew and Fred Marolf, instantly and injured four others. The building was used to house a saw mill, a feed mill, and a cleamery.

The engine and boiler used in the building exploded under a pressure of 100 pounds of steam. The blast was powerful enough to blow a portion of the boiler weighing between 2,000 and 2,500 pounds over 100 feet from its original position. Other debris and parts of the building were scattered within a radius of 300 yards.

It is interesting to note that seven of Mr. Marolf's ten children still reside in this vicinity. They are: George F., of Wilton; Frank and Charles, who live near Wilton; Jim, Eva, Freda, and Mrs. Zelma McCey, all of Moscow; and Mrs. Lena Woods of near Tipton. The man in the picture is Mr. J. E. Parker, who died in recent years.

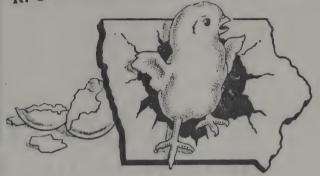


A photo of Shetland ponies taken about 1904 which is reported to have been the property of our present mayor, H. L. Schafnit.

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H. W. Lamp served one month, being one of Van Zandt's bondsmen.

A. C. Shiflet, appointed by Taft administration, died while serving.

Mortimer Sullivan, appointed by Woodrow Wil-

son. Died while serving.

Charles H. Jasperson, appointed under Warren G. Harding. Served part of term. Office still in the Leith Building.

C. H. Jacobsen, appointed by Calvin Coolidge, of-

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Cora Jacobsen, appointed by Herbert Hoover,

office in same place.

Olive A. Burrows appointed by F. D. Roosevelt. Moved the office into the old Union Bank building. Miss Burrows resigned in 1946, effective June 1st. George Kook is now acting Postmaster.

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# The White Pigeon Insurance Association

AS organized in what is known as the White Pigeon School House in the year 1872. The first officers of the association were: Thomas H. Fishburn, President; Joseph Weaver, Vice President; T. P. Furst, Secretary; and Samuel Wildasin, Treasurer. The White Pigeon Insurance Association has been quite an asset to the community. It is at present in very good financial condition. The present officers are August Gettert, President; A. J. Hinkhouse, Vice President; John H. Maurer, Secretary and Treasurer. It has a board of thirteen directors. The location of the secretary's office has been in various places. They built a commodious office building in 1940, which is well equipped with plenty of vault space, with directors' room, and secretary's office, and a nice lobby for patrons. The White Pigeon has been an asset to the community as well as the town.

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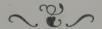
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### Wilton Public Schools

THE west part of the school building was built in 1875. Originally it had a mansard roof, but when the addition was built on to the east. the mansard roof was removed and a flat roof placed thereon. The addition was built on in 1915. The new addition contained an athletic room in the basement, the second floor contained class rooms and the top floor was an assembly room. This was condemned and torn down and the present building constructed which seems to satisfy the curious. The names of Superintendents since the first high school building was built, are as follows: Matteson, Bradley, Johnson, Buchanan, Taylor, Brower, Mc-Millan, Focht, Pye, Bradley, Ralph, Walker, Bowser, Weaver, Snider, Gaines, Griffith, Felter, Baumgartner, and Swanson.



# Livery Barns

T. Sheets had a livery barn on Cherry street which he operated until about 1880, when he closed out and left town. This building is now the property of K. G. Grunder. Part of it is used by John Leuthye for a plumbing shop.

Jerry Donovan kept a barn on West 4th Street. He operated until about 1900. He sold out to Scott and Chamberlin. They used it for an Implement House, but they did not succeed very well so they quit business. In 1913 J. F. Rush bought the property, wrecked the building, and built instead a feed shed thereon. But as automobiles were getting more plentiful and horses were not used so extensively he was forced to quit the business. A. C. Hucke purchased it and converted it into a garage and filling station. Mr. Hucke then sold to Overson and Abbott, who wrecked the building and constructed an up to date garage and filling station.

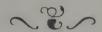
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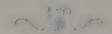




The old blacksmith shop—it stood where Bud's Welding Shop now stands. Picture taken in the latter part of the 19th Century.



A photo of Wilton taken from the railroad water tank about 1910.







### Churches of Wilton

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HE First Presbyterian Church edifice was erected in 1866. The church proper was constructed of brick with quite a tall spire, but this spire was not for long duration as the lightning struck it as well as the spire on the Ger-

lightning struck it as well as the spire on the German Lutheran Church, known as the Salem Lutheran Church, was struck at the same time as the Presbyterian Church, also the kitchen on the house

where Katherine Claussen now resides.

During the eighties, the church was remodeled, the tall spire removed, and one of a foreign style was erected. In the year 1900 under the supervision of the Rev. McAulay the church was reconstructed, and also a choir loft was added to the building. Also the front of the building was changed by having two entrances instead of one, and these entrances passed through separated towers, and the pews were placed in a semi-circle. They also have a fine parsonage near the church. The following ministers have served since 1877: Hubbard, Herron, Pollock, McAulay, Tallman, Lumbar, Lee, Kossack, Gilbert, Pfeifer, Blaesdell, Mansen, Coen and Robertson.

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Rev. Dugan, from 1875 to 1891. Rev. M. J. Kirk-Patrick, 1892 to the time of his death in 1928. Rev. J. J. Schoenfelter, 1929 to 1931. He was instrumental in having the church redecorated, also improved the Rectory.

The tower or steeple was erected in the year 1900

or 1901. The manse also being improved.

Rev. John Cash, 1931 through 1937. Rev. James Brady, came in 1938 and left in 1939. Rev. Richard Egan, came in 1939 and left in 1942. He became a Chaplain in World War II. Rev. Edward O'Hair has now been serving since 1943.

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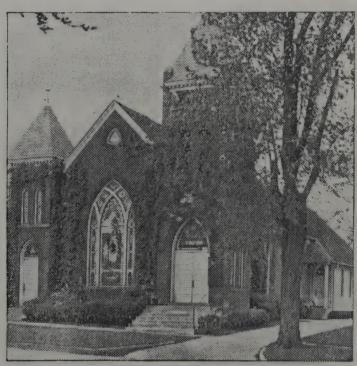
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The Evangelical and Reformed church. Picture taken in March, 1947.



The Wilton Presbyterian church, Picture taken about 1944.





#### EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

The first Reformed Church was erected in Wilton in 1870. It was built near the western city limits, on the lot where E. A. Giles filling station now stands, on West 5th Street. It remained there until torn down in 1904. The wreckage was used in the new church building erected on East 5th Street, in 1904. In the year 1910 the choir loft was added unto the church building. The pews are placed in a semicircle. In 1946 the chancel was changed. The following have served as pastors: Albright, Long, Runkle, Lackey, Erb, Beade, Ream, Baumgartel, Bloom, Bechtel, Kresge, Lau, Casselman, Redinbaugh, Achterman, Newgard. Rev. Newgard is now serving in his twenty-first year. They have a good parsonage across the street.



#### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Was incorporated in 1882. Services were held in the school house until the first church was built, it was erected in the year 1890. The present church was erected in the year 1929, which is very substantial edifice. The finest church building in town, the first church building was moved in the rear and is now used as a school and parish hall. They also have a fine parsonage, near the church. The following pastors have served Zion's congregation since 1882: Reisinger, Dormseif, Happel, the present pastor has served since the year 1910. For 36 years.



#### THE WILTON METHODIST CHURCH

The first church built in 1860, was in use in 1877, our beginning. This church had a dome instead of a spire, in 1878 the first church building was wrecked, in making the change. This building had quite a high spire, and was remodeled to compare with the churches of that date, it was quite an edifice for that day. In 1893 this second church was torn down

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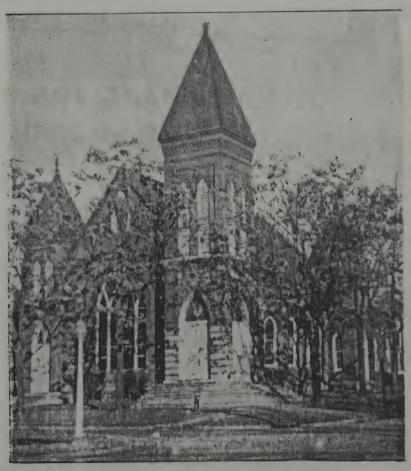
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The Wilton Methodist church. Picture taken about 1943.

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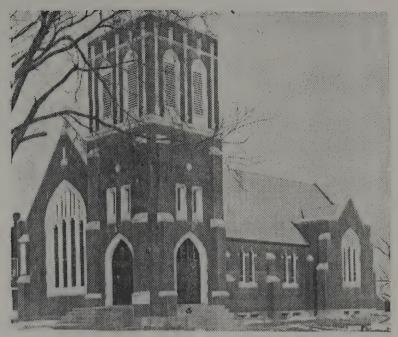
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The Zion Lutheran church, located in North Wilton. Photo taken about 1930.



The Roman Catholic church, located in South Wilton, Photo taken about 1945.



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#### BOUGHT AND SOLD POULTRY AND EGGS

Harms & Glawe, place of business west of city scales. Herman Jipp operated on West 3rd Street. F. W. Laucamp did business as follows, first, in building now housing Earl Whitmer, then on 4th Street in building now occupied by attorney Mead as a law office.



#### DEALT IN FEEDS

Carl and Shuger, W. A. Leamer, Miller and Maurer, Emil Schroeder, Wilson Chamberlin, Thomas Noble, Vernon Thede.



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# OPERATED GROCERY STORES THEN AND NOW

Scott and Johnson, C. B. Strong, Frank Bacon, C. C. Bacon, Frank Bacon Jr., H. W. Lamp, Fred (Cash) Maurer, A. C. Shiflet, Moynahan and Doran, C. A. Kiser, E. P. Summers, W. S. Minster, Geo. Heabner, Earl Atkinson, F. L. Duffe, Lamp Store, Economy Food Store, Jakes Clover Farm Store, and W. A. Looney.

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#### OPERATED BLACKSMITH SHOPS

C. V. Kirk opened a shop in 1879 in a building that stood on ground now occupied by the city hall. He sold the business to the Bridges Brothers, Noah and Daniel, they selling to their brother George Bridges, who operated the shop for quite a number of years.

J. R. Brown opened a shop about 1895. He operated until about 1915, when he quit business. This was on Cherry Street, north of the alley, Emil Schroeder's building now occupies the ground.

Teddy Egan operated a shop on the ground now occupied by the city Electric Light Plant. Original-

ly was known as the Opitz shop.

Wallace and McClain operated a shop on what is a vacant lot, just west of the Home Mix Feed Mill. This was quite a shop, two stories, the ground floor used as a Blacksmith Shop and the upper story for wagon maker and paint shop. This property was destroyed in Wilton's second major fire in the year of 1892.

The Wacker shop was started in the early day. When the Wackers moved from the Opitz Shop, the elderly Wacker as well as J. H. Wacker were wood workers, as well as wagon makers, or anything in that line. Not long after the Wackers moved, the Wacker brothers, Charles and William operated the blacksmith shop, then they sold out to A. B. Darting, who operated the shop for about twenty years, Then William Wacker returned from the Northwest and opened up the shop again. There has been a new building erected bringing the place up to date. In 1946 Willard Hillyer purchased the Wacker Shop and is operating the shop at present.

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## OPERATED THE WILTON TELEPHONE COMPANY

M. B. Nelson was the prime mover, in getting the Wilton Telephone Company started in Wilton. He was encouraged by a Mr. Perguson of Newton, Iowa, who came to Wilton and put in a few lines, and then Mr. Nelson thought it might pan out, if he could find a financial backer. Which he found in the late John M. Rider, now all this occurred in the year, 1898. Mr. Nelson was at this time operating a cloth-

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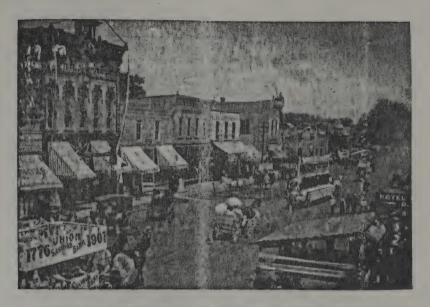
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# THE WILTON TELEPHONE COMPANY





Top photo is of the Fourth of July parade of 1907. Looking east on Fourth Street.

In bottom photo is pictured Rev. Loose of the Methodist Church in the float used in the Homecoming parade.



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ing store, in one of the rooms of the D. Ruff building. In a short space of time there were quite a few lines connected up. It became necessary that there be a central office, so Mr. Nelson established it in the rear of his clothing store. Placing Maggie McSwig-

gin in charge.

The business increased so that it was thought best to organize a company and have it incorporated. It was incorporated as the Wilton Telephone Co., by the following citizens, John M. Rider, Fred Maurer, M. B. Nelson, W. D. Harris, C. W. Norton, A. R. Leith, A. C. Shiflet, H. E. Nicolaus and J. H. Wacker. This was in the year 1901. After the organization the following officers were elected: John M. Rider, President; Fred Maurer, Vice President; M. B. Nelson, Secretary; W. D. Harris, Treasurer. In a short time Mr. Nelson left Wilton. The officers sought a new location. The office finally being located in the Bacon building, where it remained until recently moved. The new site being in the rear of the Star Drug Store.

In the course of time some dissatisfaction occurred and it was thought best to dispose of it, and they sold it to the Agee brothers, then Ben Agee, who sold it to the Armstrongs. The Armstrong family still operate it. The present officers: Mary Walters,

president; Earl Armstrong, manager.



#### OPERATED GREENHOUSES

The first green house was built by the Friederichsen brothers, Ernest and Rudolph. In a few years they dissolved partnership and Rudolph went to Marengo, and Ernest remained at the old stand. He continued the business in his name, until he took in his son, Leonard as a partner. It was then operated as E. Friederichsen and Son, in the course of time Mr. E. Friederichsen quit the business and it was operated by the Friederichsen brothers, Leonard and Harry. In a short time Harry took his wife to Arizona for her health, and it was then operated as L. R. Friederichsen Green House.

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continued for about ten years then closed out and moved to Norton. Kansas.

In March of 1947, Mr. L. R. Friederichsen sold his business and greenhouse building to John F. Swisher of Rock Island, Illinois, and Orville Haskins of Bettendorf, Iowa. The business will continue under the name of Friederichsen's Greenhouse and will be operated by a florist with 25 years of experience.



Friederichsen's Greenhouse, located in South Wilton. Photo taken in March of 1947.

# OPERATED THE PRESS

THE WILTON REVIEW

Beginning in 1877 J. M. Rider published the Review until about 1882, when it was taken over by Ott and Moynahan, Charles Ott and Jerry Moynahan, Mr. Ott soon quit the deal and Mr. Moynahan continued until he left the town. It was then taken over by C. D. Eaton who pulished it until about 1895. At that time it was merged with the Advocate.

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A view of the Wilton Aluminum Foundry which began in 1946 by Herbert E. Bortleson of Stockton. It is located just north of Friederichsen's Greenhouse in the old building formerly occupied by McDermott Monument Works, Photo taken in March of 1947.



The Wilton Stockyards located south of the tracks and west of the depot. Operated by Harry Duffe, buyer for the Dubuque Packing Co. Photo taken in March of 1947.



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his death, which occurred in 1909. After Mr. Clarks death it wae published by the following: Pierrot and Parsons, Pierrot quit the job and Parsons continued to publish it until he left town, which was about 1917. It was taken up by George Mockmore who continued until he left town. It was then taken up by a party by the name of Hamilton, who continued it for a few years and then left town. Herman Thurston tried his hand at it, he died on the job in 1942. It was then taken up by the Lorenz's who are now operating it, and are again trying to bring it back to life, and they are doing a very good job, taking everything into consideration.

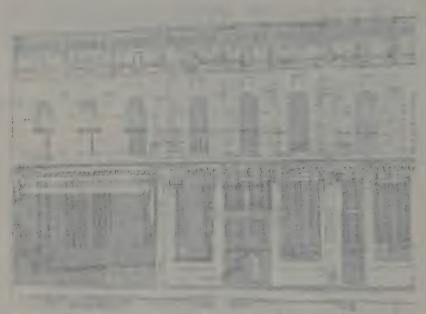


A view of the Leith buildings on the West side of Cedar street. Photo taken in March, 1947. On the left is a partial view of the Wilton, Plumbing, Heating and Sheet Metal Works, center building is the Wilton Advocate office with Lester E. Lorenz, jr., standing in the doorway Dr. G. G. Leith's office is upstairs; next is the Lill and Tink's Cafe, operated by Lillie Anne Maurer and Harlan Beinke.

Mr. A. J. Allen came from Buffalo, Iowa, and began to publish a sheet named The Friendly Farmer. This was about the year 1889, he continued for several years, then gave it up as a bad job.

Professor Wm. Berg who was one of the faculty of the German English College, which was operating here at that time, began to publish a sheet known as the Wilton Herald. This was about 1897 its life was short. He quit and left town.

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#### 1896

Jacob Block, H. S. Claussen, Dr. D. L. Rowe, C. B. Strong, H. C. Dove, W. S. Chown, Edna Marie Hawkins, Julia Beach, Mattie Nangle, Fred Galvin, A. J. Nebergall, Mary A. Robinson, W. M. Addis, J. C. Rooney Mrs. S. T. Jacoby, Jacob H. McCartney, Ruth A. Teeple.

#### 1897

Geo. F. Cormwall, Parley Brown, Ruby Hall, James Kelley, Benedict Marolf, Harriso Piggott, Cath Shuey, A. W. Morgan, J. D. Walker, Neomi Brady, Bernard McNulty, Nicholas Jacobs, 'Wm. Dwyre, Mrs. Frank Kelley, Elizabeth Ossman, Israel Windus, H. A. Hollister, A. E. Wilson, Eb. Terry.

#### 1898

Geo. Mayweather, Clara Marolf, J. E. Meyers, Mrs. Peake, W. H. Shuey, S. F. Scott, Harriet E. Beecher, F. M. Hudler, Magdalena Frieden, Rev. W. T. Strobel, Ed Doran, James Fiehaly, John Russell, Mrs. Bernard Kook, John Milder, Agnes Moylan, Corneluis McCarthy, Mrs. Mary Mooney, Wm. Johnston, Cath Miller, Benton Gary, W. S. Feltman, Jaspar Dawson.

#### 1899

J. P. Waldron, P. F. Mueller, Levi Herr, Mrs. Al Grunder, T. H. Fishburn, Wm. Fiehaly, Mary Ann Fiehaly, James Griffith, Mary O'Conner, Mrs. Mary Doran, James Hawkins, Bridget Sullivan, Eva Moylan, Dennis Hayes, Coleman O'Shaughnessy, Nellie Ecott Chandler, Wm. Dunsmore, Dr. A. A. Cooling.

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#### 1901

Millie Giesler, Peter Wacker Sr., W. C. McCroskey, J. N. McKilligan, Anna Nolte, Mary Ann Sullivan, A. Brugman, John Cronin, Anna Foster, Pat Doran, Dennis Mahanna, A. G. Kaufmann, Lola Lawrence Curtis, Hans Lage, Mary Doran, Henry Neibert.

#### 1902

H. G. Post, R. A. McIntyre, Etta Hinkhouse, Mabel Hucke, Anna Friday, A. D. McKilligan, Hattie Hawkins, Arthur McSwiggin, Michael Maher, Mrs. Wm. Mahoney, Martin Sullivan, Mabel Rodgers, Mary Hickey, Anna Freidli, Elizabeth Bentley, Emily Ritter, Amanda Cooper, Nina Fulton, Mrs. D. F. Dixon, G. W. Moors, Jacob Friedli.

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Elizabeth Frieden, F. A. Scott, John Peters, Elizabeth Hanners, I: N. Bentley, Mrs. Barney Doran, Barney Doran, Ann Russell, Cath Dwyer, Peter Jacobs, Michael McSwiggin, Josie McSwiggin, Cath Carroll, J. D. McKilligan, Harry B. Ludlow, Charles Howard Lenker, Maria Giesler, Mary G. Moffitt, Josephine Blanchard, W. H. Markee, Isaac Foster, Grace Witmer, Jacob Hough, Eliza Hough, Fred Duncan.

#### 1904

Dora Jarr, Abbie Derby, Cath Freeman, Mary Jarr, Geo. M. Warren, Juliet Dove, Anna Connell, Robert McSwiggin, Mary Doran, August Schmidt, Wilhelmina Wacker, Douglas Terry, Samuel Kissinger, James Keefauver Sr., R. P. Mason, Geo. R. Arnell, John Grunder I, Elizabeth Grunder.

#### 1905

F. C. Conant, Chas. C. Terry, John Cope, E. Snyder, C. Ringgenberg, Anna Maurer, Wm. Hall, James Russell, Thos. Kelley, F. A. J. Gray, Phebe L. Cornwall, Frank Bacon I, Jacob Stoll, F. G. Kaufman, Jennie Brown, Mary Mahanna, Hannah H. Hollister, Mary Persons, Geo. H. Plitt, Alice Trott, Lizzie

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#### 1907

Rev. J. C. Beade, John Friday, Christena Blunk, L. L. Lane, David Wright, Sam Arnell, J. L. Woodhouse, M. C. Ott, Henry Claussen, John Marolf Sr., Ellen Fiehaly, Mrs. Robert McSwiggin, Patrick Fiehaly, Bernard Nangle, Henry Dierksen, James McNulty, Ida Frances Angerer, John McDermott, Mary Martin, James Hesnan, Martha Shiflet, Selesta Jacobsen, Catharine Ayres, Bel'e Doran, D. T. Miller, Nelson Miner, John Bolly, Florence Mason, Anna Atwill, John Schore.

#### 1908

John Mullen, C. W. Norton, Dr. Harriet Bacon, Louisa Johnston, Joseph Thompson, Josephine Sherberger, Levi A. Kellog, Wm. Rynearson, Sarah A. Nebergall, John Murphy, Christ McSwiggin, Judith Melwig, W. D. Burk, Henry Windle, Sarah Jane Markee, Ida Mayweather, Hattie Gary, Wm. Patterson.

#### 1909

Rachel Bell, Gust Blizzard, Laura F. Butterfield, Cath Bolly, Julia S. Post, Nellie Burk Lamp, Amelia Nachbaur, Clara Ruff Dwyre, Mrs. Dan Sullivan, Rose Nangle, Mrs. B. C. Ludlow, E. J. Witmer, Mary C. Norton, Eva Cornwall, Geo. D. Moore, C. Van Zandt, Addie Hucke, Jacob Miller, James Atwill.

#### 1910

Geo. Spence, Anton Feltman, Wm. Ross, H. D. Carson, Theo. Bentley, Dr. G. H. Plitt, Bridget Delaney, Nick Gallagher, Edward Leo Friedli, Capt. Felix Doran, Mary McSwiggin, Julia Ledgerwood.

#### 1911

John Maurer Sr., Mrs. John Maurer Sr., Dr. H. L. Perney, Thos. Boot, Peter Grunder, Geo. L. Herr, A. J. Allen, Hugh Thompson, J. W. Blackstone, W. G. Johnson, Catharine Hoffman, Matthew McDer-

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#### 1913

Florence Cooling Wood, Isabelle Wallace, C. D. Eaton, Amos Clark, Martha Pentzer, Geo. Freeland, James Shiflet, Mrs. H. C. Perry, Thomas Hickey, Mary Welch, Michael Welch, Ray Hain, Fred Waler, J. E. Burrows, Upton Ford.

#### 1914

Elmus Campbell, Asa F. Johnston, John Llewellyn, Herman Kelley, Tillie Rodgers, Cath Archer, John Ryan, C. W. Derby, Ora Cooling, Geo. W. Herr, Frank Cope.

1915

Ed Tipton, John W. Wilson, Mary E. Wise, Ed Gabriel, M. W. Butterfield, Mrs. Cyrus Shuger, Anna Moeller, Mrs. Dr. Perney, F. Joseph Angrer, Myrtle Moylan, John Sullivan, Jacob Daut, Gladyce Dice, J. M. French, Orville Decker.

#### 1916

Lucy Cummings, Mone Whitmer, Mrs. John Claussen, Norman Abbott, Maria Hinkhouse, James Maher, Michael Fiehaly, John Morrissy, Mary H. McCartney, Matt Wibblehauser, Dr. H. H. Johnson, Lillian Hucke Lang, David Agnew, Samuel Mi'lage, A. W. Bannick, James W. Kelley, Fletcher Duncan.

#### 1917

Louisa Bentley, Rose B. Maurer, Eliza Bailey, Jennie Myers, Caroline Terry, Fred Feltman, Eliza Porter, Fred Frieden, John Mohr, Myra Maurer, Mary E. Smith, Mrs. John Mark, John Lower, Anna Eaton, W. F. Haford, Thos. Ducan, John McSwiggin, John Connell, Emma Ingham, Elizabeth Marolf, Anna McCroskey, Mary A. Carl, Hattie Johnston, A. M. Persons, Lena Wacker, Ed. G. Stevens, Emil Shroeder, Mary Jane Farrell, Geo, Schafnit.

#### 1918

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The Wilton baseball teams of 1903. Wom either 20 out of 21 games or 2F. out of 22 games. Left to right: back row; Frank Agnew, Prof. Focht, Ulua Brown, Elbern Knot. Second row: Mike Cronin, Louis Miller, Hilbert Johnson, Leslie Whitmer, Guy Leith. Front: "Ruhe" Goldstein and Frank Winsell.



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Looking east across Cedar Street, showing the Ross Building and the Candy Kitchen. Photo taken between 1890 and 1900.



The School Board of 1910-1912; reading left to right, Dr. G. G. Leith, Dr. L. C. Winters, F. E. Walters, W. A. Grunder, H. F. Lauser, H. B. Mason, and Harry Nicolaus.



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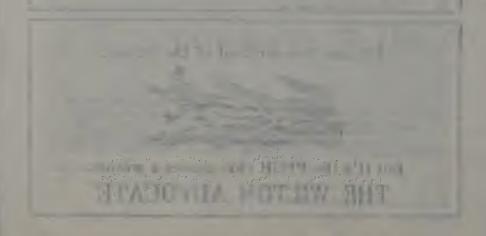
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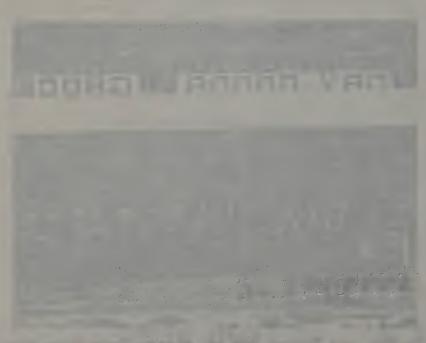
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The Mud Creek Ramblers, 1891. Left to right: Charles Kelley, John Enton, John Wilket, W. A. Cooling, Ben Tufts, Ed Ingam, Bert Kelley, Orange Kelley, Herb Chandler, unknown, Ed Brown, Charles G. Parks, F. S. Tufts, Harry Tufts, and Charles Ruff.



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Looking southeast from the top of Wilton's water tank, 1947. The Wilton public school is in background.



Looking south from the top of Wilton's water tank, 1947.



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The above photos were taken in 1922, as a monument was placed and a tree planted east of the R. I. depot, in honor of Benjamin Brayton. First photo shows Mayor Bannick breaking the ground with Marjorie Latchaw watching close by. Second photo, Marjorie Latchaw delivering an address. Third photo, H. A. Kossack, Presbyterian Minister; M. J. Doyle, Station Agent; Marjorie Latchaw: George Bannick, Mayor; and Rev. Zimmerman, Methodist Minister. Fourth photo, Mayor Bannick delivering the dedicatory address. The plaque on the stone has the following inscription:

Rock Island Lines -1852—1922—Seventieth Anniversary, October 10th. The Memorial tree, planted nearby, is dedicated by the Rock Island in affectionate memory of Benjamin B. Brayton, who, by his industry, courage and loyalty through every vicissitude signally aided in the development of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway into a great transportation system, devoted to the public service.

To date, this tree (a pine) is approximately 21 feet high.



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#### 1931

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#### 1933

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#### 1938

D. S. Duncan, Bertha Murrison, Walter Langfeldt, Henry Petersen, Ruby Lenker, R. J. McSwiggin, Loraine Angerer, Matt Jacobs, Mrs. Ben Nagle, James McSwiggin, Chas. Hahn, Mrs. Geo. Bernet, J. W. Lenker, Wilhelm Giese, Chas. Barkalow, Mrs. Christina Kelley, Minnie E. Hell, Anna Irene Curtis, Henry Heabner, Kate Harder.

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Photo taken May 9, 1901. Left to right; Frank Winsell, unknown, Harry Nicolaus, Earl Whitmer, John Killian, Frank Bacon, Frank Bentley and Jim Bacon. The scarfs on their shoulders were red, white and blue.



WILTON DUDES- of 1884- Geo. (Deacon) Porter, Kankakee, III., Sam A. Hoon, Colorado Springs, Colo., J. Will Vance, El Reno, Oklahoma, Charles K. Ross, Tipton, Iowa. Photo reproduced here has, beside the above inscription, the note: "Meat them at the Home-Coming, August 15-16-17, 1922.





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A group of Wilton ladies, photo taken about 1900. Complete identification has not been obtainable, however, the following are known to be in photograph. (Not in order shown). Anna Eaton, Elizabeth Jewell, Harriet Curtis, Miss Bernet, Ruth Warren, Jessie Rider, Anna Curtis, Vae Barr, Bertha Van Zandt, Libbie Barr, Kate Weatherly, Verda Dove, Kate Creitz, Emma Winters, Stella Bannick, Ida Wise, Elizabeth Mahanna, Wilma Switzer, Luta Dove, Emma Lamp, Clara Ruff Dwyer, Gussey Plett Stanley, Grace Noll Crowell.



Mrs, Mary Zinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wise, Died in 1932.

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Looking west on Fourth Street, 1947. First building on left is the Wilton Machine and Body Shop. The second is the new brick-front building built by H. C. Lange in 1946.



A view of Cherry Street, looking north from the railroad. City Hall is on the right and Economy Lumber Co. on the left.



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James K. Frymoyer, Robert Budelier, Matilda Neibert, Frances McCroskey, A. H. Baerwald, Louisa Leith, Albert Grunder Sr., J. M. Scott, F. E. Kaufmann, Walter A. Cliff, R. E. Showalter, W. B. Claussen, Alice I. Weatherly, Wm. Herr, Frances Schore, Wm. Boot, Belinda Eaton Burnett, Hugo Jarr, Mrs. Dan Maher, Mrs. Lee Smith.

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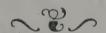
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#### 1946

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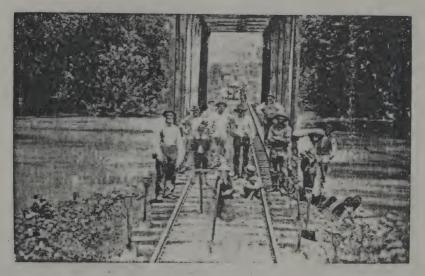


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The men on the bridge, looking towards Wilton, have been identified as, left to right: Jasper Dawson, 'Bronco' Nangle, —— Duncan, Ferdinand Budzene (operator of pump), George Wildasin, George Warren, Section boss, Jack Nangle—the man in rear, operated a hotel here at that time.



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Looking north from the top of Wilton's water tank, 1947,



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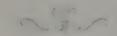


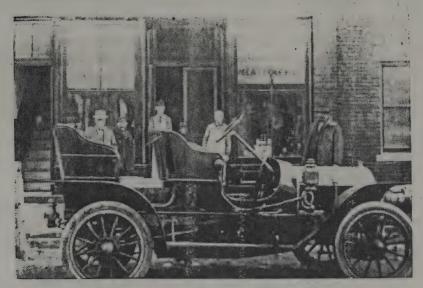


Photo showing derrick which was erected to aid in the drilling of the City well, near the City hall, in the year of 1909.

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Left to right: Dr. Harry Johnson, Herman D. Jarr, Beryl Grings, boy is unknown, Charles Marshal and Homer Hesselgesser. Photo taken in 1912. The auto is an Auburn, owned by Herman F. Jarr whose cap is barely discernible as well as his feet, under the car as he was on the other side of the car when the picture was taken.



Photo by Wise in Wilton, 1885, of:
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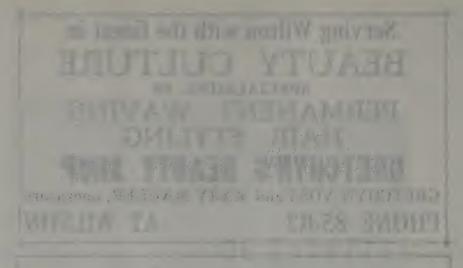
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## Brief Histories of Wilton Lodges and Clubs

#### WILTON LODGE NO. 167 A—F—&—A—M

HARTERED June 3, 1863. The first officers were: James H. Leech, W. M.; Wm. McNaughten, Secretary. The society is in good financial standing. They have their own beautiful temple erected in 1926. The present officers: M. D. Johnson, W. M.; and G. G. Leith, Secretary.

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#### PURITY CHAPTER 365, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

With a membership of twenty-seven, the Purity Chapter No. 365, Order of the Eastern Star, was organized on October 27, 1904. This membership has now increased to two-hundred-and-thirteen.

The first officers were: Mattie Agnew, worthy matron; G. B. Carson, worthy patron; Harriet Strong, associate matron; Della Rider, conductress; Mable Strong, associate conductress; Irene Clark secretary; Louisa Linth, treasurer; Lucy McAulay, chaplain; Katherine Plitt, marshall; Edna Focht, organist; Helen Smith, Adah; Jessie Rider, Ruth; Mabel Carson, Esther; Jennie Brown, Martha; Catherine Carson, Electa; Anna Walker, warden; and Dave Piggott, sentinel.

The present officers are: Worthy Matron, Gretchyn Voss; Worthy Patron, Howard Murrison; Associate Matron, Pauline Maurer; Associate Patron, Leo Maurer; Conductress, Marion Henderson; Associate Conductress, Eva Lou Murrison; Secretary, Minnie Ochiltree; Treasurer, Catherine Ochiltree; Organist, Emma Birkhofer; Chaplain, Irene Robertson; Marshal, Mary Maurer; Adah, Marjorie Fulton; Ruth, Harriet Voss; Esther, Marion Kemp; Martha, Imogene McCabe; Electa, Esther Norton; Warden, Edith Rubel; Sentinel, Lee Norton.

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#### **AMERICAN LEGION POST 584**

The local post 584, The American Legion, was originally formed in 1921. On December 29, 1921, they received their charter and at that time carried the name of 'Gus Chimpanisa Post 584.' This pioneer

Legion group carried a membership of 15.

In a few small rooms located above the Wilton Candy Kitchen, the group of veterans met for their monthly meetings. Upon completion of the present City Hall, the Legion was given, in exchange of a former courtesy, a life-long right to conduct their meetings in their present abode, which is in the basement of the hall, and is only for the Legion and Legion Auxiliary's specific use.

The original officers of the local post were P. J. Bridges and Carl Schroeder holding the honored offices of Commander and Adjutant respectively.

There is a general opinion among the War I members that the return of World War II veterans and their subsequent joining the local Legion, has been the means of bringing new life into the organization. Thus the usual high-spiritedness, so befitting of a Legion Post is prevalent today in Wilton.

It is the plans of the local post to build permanent club rooms on lots which they recently purchased of J. J. Hoskins, and which are located across the

street from Gruemmer's Garage.

The present membership of Post 584 has grown to over one hundred veterans. In the year 1946, the Legion sponsored a successful basketball tournament and never-to-be-forgotten Wilton Centennial.

The present officers are: Clarence Burmester, Commander; Harold Nicolaus, First Vice-Commander; Charles Sterner, Second Vice-Commander; Rolland Claussen, Adjutant; James Sheetz, Finance; H. W. Kretschmar, Historian; Harlan Beinke, Post Publicity; Hilbert Stoelk, Membership Chairman; Rev. J. M. Newgard, Chaplain; Ellery Plett, Sergeant-at-arms; and Roy W. Thomas, Service Commander.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY In March of 1925, at Wilton Junction, Iowa, 33 THE RESIDENCE

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Grove Hill and his mother, Mrs. Georgia Hill, in one of Wilton's first automobiles. Photo taken about 1905.



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women who were wives, mothers and sisters of service men of World War I, signed a charter which admitted them as an Auxiliary of Wilton American Legion Post No. 584. Members who signed the charter were: Nellie Griffith, Frances Kelley, Isola Wacker, Rosa Grunder, Irene Atkinson, Blanche Looney, Anna Rottman, Lizzie Nagel, Mae Sterner, Carolice Maurer, Vesta Murdock, Margaret Looney, Ida Maurer, Julia McCartney, Catherine Looney, Mildred Frank Nopolous, Mildred Thurston, Happy Jane Hudler, Blanche Kretschmar, Mary I. Thurston, Anna Voigt, Amelia Wacker, Helen Shuger, Theresa Bujewski, Ida Frances Crispin, Ollie M. Griffith, Kate Bacon, Olga Bacon, A. Estelle Laucamp, Elizabeth Marticke, Clara Ellis, and Mary Walters. The first elected officers were; Nellie Griffith, president; Isola Wacker, secretary; Ida Francis Crispin, treasurer: Caroline Maurer, chaplain; and Margaret Looney, Sergeant-at-arms.

The present membership of the Auxiliary is 45. Now serving as officers are: Blanche Shea, president; Ruth Kiser, first vice-president; June Wall, second vice-president; Bessie Brenner, secretary; Judie Duffe, treasurer; Sarah Henderson, chaplain; Nellie Griffith, sergeant-at-arms; and Frances Kelley, historian. Irene Atkinson, at the present time, is serving as vice-president of the Muscatine County

organization.

There are three Gold Star Members belonging to the local chapter. They are: Anna Rottman, who lost a son, John Rottman, in World War I; Harriet Sample, whose brother, Arthur Nagel, died in World War I; and Rose Freeland, whose son, Robert Freeland, was killed in World War II.



#### PHLASKI LODGE NO. 107 I-0-0-F

J. D. Walker, William M. McNaughten, David Dale, F. S. Corey, George Dale, Isaac Wise, and F. T. Hubbert were the charter members who petitioned the M. W. G. M. for a warrant to establish a Lodge of the I.O.O.F. in the town of Wilton.

The charter was granted on July 1st, 1857. Mr. McCloud of Muscatine helped organize the lodge unTHE RESERVOIS CONTRACTOR OF THE PERSON OF TH

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Present officers are: Alexander Parks, noble grand; S. C. Lincoln, vice grand; Roy Thomas, secretary; Rudolph Walter, treasurer; and M. F. McDermott, chaplain.

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#### REBEKAHS

On the second and fourth Mondays of each month the Walter Rebekah Lodge, No. 516, holds its meetings. This lodge was instituted in Wilton on October 28, 1911.

The charter members of the organization were: H. E. Nicolaus, George Bannick, Albert Winsell, H. W. Effenbeck, G. F. Marolf, George McCartney, Fred Boot, H. A. Smith, Charles Bailey, George Rick, Ella Nicholaus, Dora Bannick, Edith Winsell, Bertha Effenbeck, Ella Schafnit, Martha R. Haebard, Frances

A. Boot, Eliza Bailey, Bertha Bailey.

The present officers are: Noble Grand, Fay Bishop; Vice Grand, Phlora Barkalow; Past Noble Grand, Veronica Thomas; Right Support to Noble Grand, Clara Ellis; Left Support to Noble Grand, Sadie Henley; Right Support to Vice Grand, Bessie Morrison; Left Support to Vice Grand, Susie Chamberlain; Recording Secretary, Ada Lincoln; Financial Secretary, Roy Thomas; Treasurer, Lillie Whitmer; Chaplain, Lottie Barnhart; Musician, Lillie Duffe; Inside Guardian, Alex Parks; Outside Guardian, S. C. Lincoln; Board of Trustees, S. C. Lincoln, Alex Parks, and Roy Thomas.

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#### THE WILTON LIONS CLUB

The Wilton Lions Club was organized on August 24, 1932. The first officers were: President, D. A. Burrows; Vice President, H. T. Birchard; Secretary, A. C. Baumgartner; Treasurer, H. G. Nicolaus.

The charter members were: H. G. Griffith, H. T. Birchard, A. J. Wacker, J. W. Duffe, H. G. Nicolaus, M. M. Harding, E. F. W. Maurer, John Roederer, H. F. Lauser, J. J. Hoskins, Gus Nopoulous, T. H. Arm-

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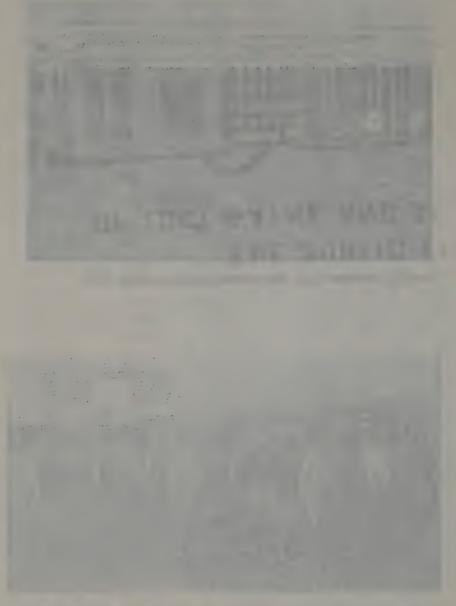


Looking northeast from the railroad standpipe about 1900.



"Wide Awakes" Champion Juvinile Hose Co., Wilton Jct. Time: Run. 273/4 seconds; Coupling, 41/2 seconds; Distance, 200 yards. Firemen's Tournament, Waterloo, Iowa. June 12-13-14, 1883.

1. Fenton S. Fox, Coupler; 2. Charles G. Park, Pipeman; 3. Thos. S. Welch; 4. Sam A. Hoon; 5. Frank T, Breene; 6. Eugene Derby; 7. Wm. D. Harris; 8. Aretas Agnew; 9. Henry Maurer; 10. Fred S. Pentzer; 11. Fred W. Crawford; 12. Geo. D. Mooie; 13. Joe Ross; 14. Charles Wacker; 15. Chas. K. Ott; 16. Orie Fox.



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Looking northeast by north from the top of the railroad standpipe, 1947. The Wilton Milk Products Co. is in left foreground and the Economy Lumber Co., right foreground.



Looking northeast from the top of the railroad standpipe, 1947. The new City Hall is in center of picture.



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The Wilton Locker Plant, built about 1941,



strong, D. V. Smull, W. A. Grunder, A. C. Baumgartner, Louis Miller, Earl Atkinson, D. L. Teasdale, Her-

bert Wacker, D. A. Burrows.

The purpose of the club is to sponsor any activity for the betterment of the community. The outstanding project to date was the organizing of the present Wilton Milk Products Co. Plays and Wilton Day celebrations have also been promoted. Some of the money raised has been donated to the Boy Scouts, The Wilton Library and for the education of the blind.

The following have been president of the club since organized: D. A. Burrows, H. T. Birchard, A. J. Wacker, A. C. Baumgartner, H. A. Wacker, D. V. Smull, M. M. Harding, L. R. Friederichsen, S. L. Torrence, Paul Darting, Harold Grunder, John F. Burkle, G. A. Whetstine.

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#### WOMENS RELIEF CORPS

The Womens Relief Corps of Henry Seibert Post No. 212 was organized at Wilton Junction, Iowa, on July 25, 1890. The charter was approved the 31st of July, 1914, by Siraphine H. Osgood, department president, and Mary M. Walch, department secretary. The sixty members who signed the charter were: Elizabeth Morgridge, Mary Kelley, Fannie Cooling, Margaret C. Twomey, Mary C. Farrier, Mary E. Wise, Florence L. Farrier, Lottie Curtis, Kate Creitz, Nettie Cooling, Aletha Sanborn, Amanda J. Kelley, Mary Piggott, Fanny Marolf, Cynthia Hartman, Drusiella Moore, Louisa M. Svas, Lizzie A. Hucke, Haadssa C. Perry, Mary M. Morrison, Jane Davis, Nettie A. Leech, Kate Warren, Frances Derby, Mary D. Creitz, Emma Ingham, Mary J. Zell, Margaret M. Ayres, Ella A. Moynahan, Alice W. Carter, Johanna Albran, Elizabeth Wilhelm, Narcissa J. Palmer, Louisa L. Bently, Nellie E. Johnson, Dora F. Johnson, Mary A. Carl, Sara J. Dawson, Nellie M. Kelley, Emma F. Thompson, Annie Fl. Jewell, Angelina R. Chasteen, Fannie C. Morrison, Elizabeth Root, Elizabeth Michael, Alma J. Walker, Allie M. Herr, Lydia Scott, Harriet M. Everest, Lola J. Curtis, Kate Bacon, Ella Nicholas, Kittie Dawson, Clara Tharp, Mary E. Chandler, Elvira F. Tale, and R. Emeline Tate.

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The local organization boasts six daughters of Civil War veterans who still maintain their membership. They are: Frankie Fulton, Lillie Whitmer, Lillie Duffe, Kate E. Creitz, Rozella M. Ford, and

Margaret Angerer.

The membership at the present time is twenty-five. Serving as officers are: Irene Atkinson, president; Caroline Maurer, senior vice-president; Rozella Ford, junior vice-president; Lillie Whitmer, secretary; Kate Creitz, treasurer; Nora Hucke, conductor; Margaret Kerr, assistant conductor; Ada Lincoln, guard; Mary Schroeder, assistant guard; Anna Luethye, Lena Potter, Louise Bicknese and Lillie Duffe, color bearers.

The corps hold a regular meeting the second Wednesday of each month and a work meeting once

a month.



#### RED CROSS

The local Red Cross unit was organized and re-

ceived their Charter September 29, 1916.

In June of 1917, the Muscatine Chapter formed Units for branch work in this county with the exception of Atalissa and West Liberty.

During World War I, the local Red Cross unit organized groups for surgical dressing, sewing and

knitting.

Rev. O. B. Lee, former Presbyterian minister, was appointed first president. The following members have held that office in order: C. C. Bacon, Mrs. Caroline Maurer, Miss Kate McNulty, who is remembered for her outstanding help in obtaining new members and finances; Arthur Wacker, Mrs. Clara Leith.

During World War II, the local unit was busily engaged in sewing, knitting and preparing medical aids to help meet the vast need.

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A view of East 4th Street, looking southeast, about 1880. The buildings are, from front to back; Briggs Blacksmith Shop, old City Hall, old Masonic Temple, and the Hessel Gesser Barn.



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The present officers are: Mrs. Clara Leith, chairman; Mr. Arthur Wacker, vice-chairman; Mrs. Ruth Maurer, secretary; and Mrs. Nellie Whitmer, treasurer.



#### UNITED SERVICE WOMEN

During World War II the United Service Women was organized through the efforts of Frances Kelley for Ruth Herrald, Dept. Secretary, Organizer of Eldora, Iowa. Those eligible for joining were mothers, wives, and sisters of sons, brothers or husbands in the service.

The Charter was signed July 13, 1942, and approved at Headquarters July 21, 1942. The Wilton Unit being No. 93 and later being changed to No. 13. The Charter members are: Irene Atkinson, Elizabeth Lange, Mae Ehrecke, Zella Lauser, Harriet Jensen, Grace Atkinson, Elizabeth Latchaw, Eileen Ehrecke, Miriam Lauser, and Emma Smith.

At the State Convention, held in Des Moines in May, 1946, it was decided that all Units of Service Women become the Auxiliary of Amvet.

To date there are 54 members with the present officers being: Etha Wacker, President; Mabel Freidrichsen, 1st Vice President; Carrie Ford, 2nd Vice President; Clara Leith, Treasurer; Irene Atkinson, Secretary; Flora Oveson, Historian; Irene Sheetz, Keeper of Records; Marie Hansen, Chaplain; and Emma Smith, Musician.

The Executive Committee is: Zella Lauser, Irene Atkinson and Emma Smith.

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#### ROYAL NEIGHBORS CAMP NO. 1068

The Royal Neighbor Camp No. 1068, was organized at Wilton, July 6, 1898, with the 17 original members being: Josie Sherberger, Emma F. Duffe, Anna B. Maurer, Ida Maurer, Rose Maurer, Rose Budelier, Kate C. Frenzel, Ellen M. Maurer, Dr. E. A. King, George Wagner, Kate Rininsland, Mary Marolf, Anna Budelier, Dr. A. R. Leith, Mary Schroeder, Dora Bannick and Anna Schmidt.

The Juvenile Camp was organized in December, 1927, with 30 members, most of whom are affiliated with the adult camp when their policies expired.

On March 4, 1935, the Wild Rose Camp, No. 6683, of White Pigeon, consolidated with the Iowa Camp No. 1068.

At the present time there are 92 Benefits, 37 Socials and 38 Juvenile members.

The regular lodge meeting is held the third Wednesday night of each month and the Social meeting, the first Wednesday of each month.

During December of each year, new officers are elected for both the Lodge and Social, at which time

committees are also appointed.

The present officers are: Oracle, Emma Hamann; Vice Oracle, Nellie Harper; Past Oracle, Ardena Masterson; Chancellor, Bessie Brenner; Recorder, Maybelle Darting; Receiver, Irene Sheetz; Marshal, Frances Fick; Assistant Marshal, Ethel Christensen; Inner Sentinel, Genevieve Christensen; Outer Sentinel, Catherine Marine; Managers, 1 year, Louise DeVilbiss; Managers, 2 years, Blanche Shea; Managers, 3 years, Rose Nolte; Physicians, Dr. Leith and Dr. Whetstine; Captain, Cora Hoover; Flag Bearer, Mary Thurston; Faith, Mary Jean Jarvis; Modesty, Violet Amerine; Unselfishness, Susie Gill; Endurance, Lillian Chapman; Courage, Clara Ellis; and Musician, Emma Smith.

The officers for the Social are: President, Emma Smith; Vice-President, Ethel Christensen, and Sec-

retary-Treasurer, Laura Fulton.



#### WILTON GUN CLUB

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The club has an indoor gallery in the basement of the Ed F. W. Maurer garage, and during the indoor season they hold their meetings every Thursday night. The outdoor range is on the Jim Smith farm south of Moscow.

Membership in the club is open to anyone 18 years of age who is an American citizen. This includes both men and women. There is a Junior Gun Club for young people between the ages of 12 and 18.

During the war the club put on a pre-induction school for two winters. This school was sanctioned

by the U.S. Army.



#### N. N. C.

Four girls, Bertha Bacon Murrison, Irene Clark, Myrtle Whitmer and Olga Smith Port, organized in 1901, the Priscilla Club for altruistic work. In 1902, with Mrs. C. C. Bacon, Mrs. D. E. Smith, Mrs. Emma Ingham, Mrs. E. R. King, Maybelle Marshall Danskin, Mrs. A. E. Ricksecker and Mrs. G. H. Woodhouse, became charter members of the N. N. C.

In addition to their study, their altruistic work

has been extensive and varied.

Through the initiative of Miss Lela Badger, the N. N. C. was successful in a movement for establishing a library in Wilton. They were able to interest other clubs and citizens in the movement. By continued effort we now have a successful library which is in use and constantly growing with the N. N. C. and other local support.

The present officers are: President, Thelma Kiser; Vice-President, Vera Worrell; Secretary, Catherine Herr; Treasurer, Irna Kiser; and Press Reporter,

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#### CAMP FIRE GIRLS

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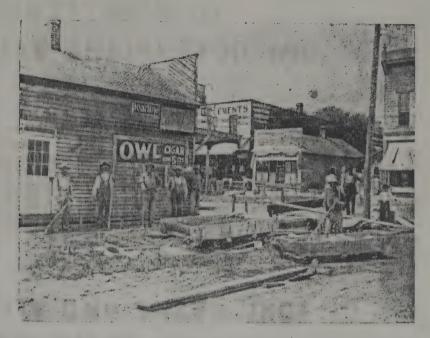
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Mrs. Grace Noll Crowell, acclaimed the poet laureate of Texas, is remembered by her friends in Wilton as being a popular girl. Mrs. Crowell was born on a farm near town and attended high school and German college here. She married Norman H. Crowell in 1901.

In 1938, Mrs. Crowell received national recognition when she was chosen "The American Mother of 1938." She is mother to three grown sons.

Although her folks have all moved away from Wilton, she still corresponds with several friends here. Mrs. Crowell has told her friends, "When the lilacs are in bloom, I always think of Wilton."

#### THIS WAS MY VILLAGE

This was my village of long ago,
The village where I was born:
A little town purpled with lilac bloom
And edged knee-deep in corn.

The smoke from the chimneys lifting up Was a welcome to any one
Who sought a home for a night of rest
At the early set of sun.

Friendly they were in my little town And kind they were, and oh, It was the pivot of all my life Long and long ago.

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<sup>-</sup> Grace Noll Crowell, Dallas, Texas



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Although guardianship has changed a number of times, over a hundred girls have belonged throughout the years, with a full membership of twenty at all times, to enjoy camping and group activities.

During the World War II, they were active in assisting patriotic organizations. Inez Harding, wife of Dr. M. M. Harding, has been guardian for the past seven years. Girls who have completed Social Leadership, act as assistants.

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#### GRACE NOLL CROWELL BOOK CLUB

Through the efforts of Inez Glenn Harding, the Grace Noll Crowell Book Club was organized in 1936. The name selected was out of respect of the above poet laureate, a former Wiltonite, now residing in Dallas, Texas.

The G. N. C. became a federated organization in 1940 and carry a motto: "I Will Lay Hold Upon Enduring Things."

There are 26 active members and 13 social members at the present time.

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#### WILTON GARDEN CLUB

Through the efforts of Miss Frances Boot, the Wilton Garden Club was organized on April 15, 1939. The first officers of the club were: Frances Boot, president; Josephine Bailey, vice-president; Lillian Irvine, secretary. The first members of the club were: Irene Atkinson, Josephine Bailey, Cora Beard Irene Birchard, Frances Boot, Faye Grunder, Rose Grunder, Lillian Irvine, Clyda Johnson, Pearl Kelley, Blanche Kretschmar, Caroline Maurer, Theresa Nicolaus, and Mary Schroeder.

During the war the club gave to various divisions of war activity. The club also gave trees for the

planting on the City Hall lawn.

The present members are: Ella Ayres, Irene Atkinson, Frances Boot, Clara Cooling, Grace Dawson, Mary Feltman, Faye Grunder, Rose Grunder, Nellie

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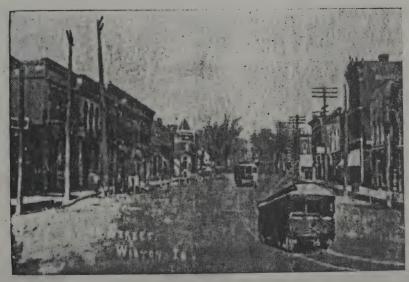
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The club is associated with the Federated Garden

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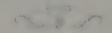




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